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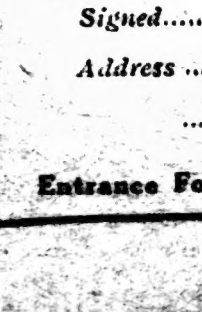

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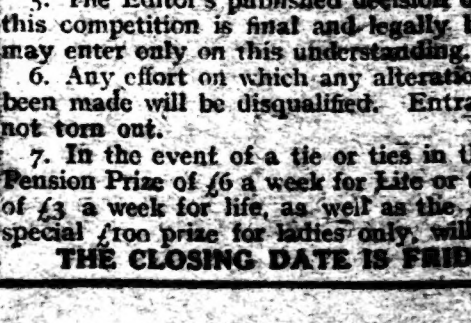

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THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL.

[The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.]

Bonar and Business.

Some of the younger members of the Unionist Party are becoming restive, and a movement is on foot to formulate a new policy "embodying new principles and ideals." Such efforts are in every way laudable, although the experience of the past has taught us to expect little from "unofficial" programmes. It is certain that the Opposition will not change places with the Government until they can present something much more attractive in the way of a programme than they possess to-day. Mr. Bonar Law has a great opportunity to guide the moderate opinion of the country along the lines of practical reform. Let him frame a "Business" policy, and he will find the best elements of the nation at his back.

L.C.C. and Party—

The attempt to stampede the electors of London into sending a Party majority to Spring Gardens is doomed to failure. Meanwhile, Dr. Macnamara has let the cat out of the bag. Speaking on behalf of the Progressive candidates in his own beloved Camberwell, he said: "Just think of the chance which the people of London missed on the last County Council election! What might *we* not have accomplished with the Liberals in power at Westminster and the Progressives in power at Spring Gardens?" What, indeed! Imagination boggles at the thought. Londoners must elect their County Councillors so as not to inconvenience the Government.

—and Prudes.

Meanwhile, the "Progressive" Election Campaign, engineered by the Liberal Whips and subsidised from the Party war-chest, proceeds apace. Every little Bethel is being pressed into the fray, and that embodiment of the Nonconformist conscience—Sir John Benn—has been deputed to secure the support of all the Bands of Hope and Mothers' Meetings in the metropolis. It looks as though the temperance fanatics have got the Progressives properly by the ear this time. No demand for tyrannical interference with other people's rights and liberties seems too barefaced to secure a blessing. When the elections are over, as they soon will be, Sir John will have reason to remember that a man is judged by the company he keeps. We hold no brief for the "Municipal Reformers." A *real* Progressive Party, run on business lines, would command our sympathy. But the government of London is too vitally important a matter to be handed over to a syndicate of prigs, prudes and parsons.

Marching On!

We have received a bulky Municipal Reform pamphlet, entitled "The Business Government of London," and purporting to be a record of the work of the Municipal Reformers upon the County Council now drawing to an end. We have not yet had time to read the volume, but we note with interest the title chosen for it.

After Us.

We quite thought that Mr. Lloyd George had already "inaugurated" his great land policy, but it appears we have been mistaken. We are now credibly informed that this auspicious event will take place at Birmingham—where we have just inaugurated our League campaign. The prospect of the Chancellor's visit to the scenes of certain of his time-honoured escapades is being hailed with great enthusiasm by his local admirers, and it is believed that at Birmingham the great constructive policy "will positively appear." Birmingham has been the birthplace of other policies which were to transform the face of England, so that there is a certain fitness in the choice. But plans of social reform, like other "schemes of mice and men, gang aft agley."

Our Startling Football Prize Offer.—See page 317.

Railway Ramps.

The Government were considerably hampered at all stages of the Railways Bill by pledges given to the companies during the strike. Something of the kind is doubtless inevitable if the Ministry is to assume the rôle of arbitrator in industrial disputes, but it is regrettable that the hands of Parliament should be tied in this way. Railway companies are already possessed of great powers and many privileges. The interests of the public will inevitably suffer if the companies are permitted to tighten their grip every time they are in a position to drive a hard bargain with distracted Ministers. The Party system places almost unlimited power in the hands of the Executive. Pending the death of the system, which cannot be far off, electors should jealously watch the exercise of such power.

A Warning.

By the way, there is bound to be fresh trouble on the railways before long. Scarcely a week passes without more or less friction on one or other of the principal lines. The strike of 1911 gave the men a taste of power, and the recent Knox dispute showed that they have learned the value of collective action. The New National Union of Railwaymen has a membership of 188,000, and their accumulated funds amount to no less than £465,000. In any circumstances, it will be ill trifling with an organisation like this, and, as we recently pointed out, the rules of the new Union have been drafted with a direct view to effective militant action. It is more than likely that the leaders of the railwaymen will mature their plans in conjunction with the transport workers, who again appear to be "spoiling for a fight." What the Government or the companies are doing in the matter we do not pretend to know. We may be assured, however, that keen eyes across the North Sea are watching every move.

"If You See It——"

A fortnight ago the Radical papers were booming the rumours of an Anglo-German understanding for all they were worth—and a great deal more. Admiral von Tirpitz's vague and inconclusive pronouncement upon the subject of naval armaments was hailed as the charter of a new era of peace and goodwill between the two nations, and enthusiastic leader writers indulged in all sorts of roseate dreams of an *entente* which should cement the peace of Europe and drive a diplomatic wedge into the Triple Alliance. Now the whole thing has collapsed like the baseless fabric of a vision, and everybody is beginning to realise that we are exactly where we were. Germany has no desire for an understanding with any Power stronger than herself. She will remain a party to the Triple Alliance just so long as she can use Austria and Italy as tools for her machinations in Europe. For the rest, she will play a lone hand, husbanding her wealth and developing her resources, awaiting with cheerful patience "The Day."

Listen to This——

Sir William Ramsay, who has been sitting on the Royal Commission on Sewage Disposal for fifteen years, tells us that the present system of government prevents any progress being made. "The President and the ex-President of the Local Government Board were both sympathetic, but our method of government made it impossible for them to act. Both Mr. Long and Mr. Burns had intimated that they had no opportunity of introducing Bills. And then Sir William goes on to explain that whilst Parliament is exciting itself about "abstract political questions," the practical business of the nation is at a standstill. Meanwhile, the sewage of the metropolis must look after itself! Why not induce the members of the Government to go down one of our main sewers—and leave them there?

Never Too Late to—Promise.

A year or so ago Mr. Winston Churchill, then Home Secretary, promoted a Bill to "standardise" sentences and enable fines for trivial offences to be paid by instalments, but political exigencies pushed it aside. Now there is a promise of its being taken in hand by the present Home Secretary next session, with an addendum, so it is alleged, devising means of dealing with suffragettes and others who decline their bread and gruel. The Bill really brings to a head the campaign against magisterial eccentricities and injustices which we have been conducting week after week in the columns of this journal. There is hardly a member of the Cabinet who has not been peppered with our Open Letters on this matter in one form or another. The Bill won't rid the country of the Shallows and the Addlepates and the Biases, but it will certainly reduce their means of evil. That is worth a lot, especially to the poor, whom they invariably judge more harshly and punish more severely than the well-to-do.

The Hunger-Strike Clause.

As for the clause dealing with the suffragette gaol-birds who strike against their diet and go into hysterics when they have the feeding-bottle, we are curious to know what Mr. Home Secretary McKenna's proposition is. At the bottom of all his nervousness in regard to the Pankhurstians while he has them in gaol—for they have all but frightened the right honourable gentleman out of his wits—is the fear that if he puts the food down and allows them to eat it or leave it, somebody will have him indicted for manslaughter or mulcted in damages. And yet it is clear that these feminine hunger-strikers are not only making the law ridiculous, but rendering judges and magistrates impotent to punish them at all. So that Mr. McKenna must either accept the onus of his job, if there be any, or find a way of making them do their time, while relieving himself of any risks in the matter.

Then and Now.

Mr. Balfour has recently declared that the Government Home Rule Bill is "an excess of insanity and a political crime, compared with which all the crimes of the past sink into insignificance." But we seem to remember that when the Unionists were in power, with Mr. Wyndham at the Irish Office, there was a good deal of talk about "Devolution"—which is only Home Rule under another name. Did not Mr. Balfour himself connive at the appointment of a Nationalist Under-Secretary at Dublin Castle, in the person of the present Lord MacDonnell? Perhaps this was one of the crimes that has sunk into insignificance. *Isn't* it a game?

Another Party Gem.

Lord Selborne is an excellent specimen of "safe party man." He is a Tariff Reformer of the most full-blooded type—what in picturesque political parlance is known as a "whole-hogger." It is not to be supposed that he can look with any great favour upon recent developments of Conservative policy, but he certainly has no intention of kicking over the traces—for here is what he says: "As a loyal Unionist, I accept the decision of my leader, but I am not responsible for it, and I regret it." In other words, the noble lord will continue to support by his vote and influence a policy with which he is in unconcealed disagreement. The situation would be Gilbertian were it not so commonplace. The Party system in both Houses and in the constituencies depends for its continuance upon the support of men who are prepared to stultify themselves in this egregious way.

Special £100 Prize for the Ladies.—See page 317.

A Word with Mr. Taylor.

We are surprised to find Mr. Paul Taylor, the Marylebone Magistrate, supporting the London County Council in sending inspectors into shops to trap unwary tradesmen into breaches of the new Act. Mr. Taylor would have us believe that the inspector goes into the shop "to prove that it is open." This is really far too thin. The object of the visit is obvious. It is to tempt the shopkeeper to commit a breach of the law. In other words, the London County Council, through their inspectors, are aiding and abetting in the commission of an offence, and no amount of legal sophistry can gloss over this unpalatable fact. That Mr. Taylor does not thoroughly grasp the bearing of the case is shown by his references to the cheerful way in which "great firms like Marshall and Snellgrove" obey the Act. He does not seem to know that they always closed on Saturday afternoons—their class of trade not necessitating their remaining open. But it is a terrible hardship to compel the shutting up of certain shops in theatreland, where the bulk of the custom is of the chance order, and is almost entirely of an afternoon and evening character. Where the owners of such businesses, whilst giving their assistants their weekly half-holiday, desire to remain open, it is pure despotism to compel them to shut.

Dissatisfied Doctors.

The latest complaint of the Insurance Act doctors is that they are overburdened with clerical labour. The Commissioners have now announced certain concessions calculated to remove the difficulty. For one thing, a panel doctor will not be required to keep a duplicate of his prescriptions, unless he chooses to do so. To the lay mind it would seem desirable that a medico should keep some record of the particular kind of physic he is dealing out to his patients, although, of course, he can always smell the bottle when it is brought back to be refilled. We are glad to note that the doctors are shortly to receive a payment "on account," and we trust these "douceurs" may keep them quiet for a time.

In and Out.

The grotesque farce of In and Out is being played rather more quickly than usual between the Home Office and Miss Sybil Pankhurst. She went into Holloway a fortnight or so ago for smashing windows; somebody paid her fine two or three days afterwards, and she came out. She had not been out many hours when she went smashing windows again, and though at the time of writing she is in once more for two months "hard," it is odds on that for one reason or another she will be out before long. If there is an official fine-payer for Suffragettes at the Home Office and he will send us his name, we will do our best to make his existence more widely known.

Brentford's Police Methods.

Whoever is in charge of the Brentford police had better revise the methods of identification disclosed in the recent case of one Vaughan. This man, arrested for improper conduct towards women, was placed among a number of other men for identification by the two chief witnesses. Both of them failed to recognise him while he was with the other men, whereupon Detective-Inspector Richardson told them all to go with the exception of the man arrested, and the women then identified him. The detective-inspector explained all this to the magistrate with a *naïveté* which would have been astounding in a child. What is the dietary of this stupendous sleuth-hound of justice, may we ask? Hay, or thistles?

Street-Door Pests.

Replying to our recent remarks on this matter, "One of the Pests" complains that we make no exceptions, but bundle all street-door canvassers together. It is unfortunately too true that many honest and industrious men, left behind from one cause or another in the race to live, have to resort to house-to-house visitation. If we did not except them in formal terms, we apologise to them. But even here there is the point of view of the householder. A letter from a lady reader, who keeps one servant, is characteristic of those of others who do not keep a servant at all. "I assure you," she says, "that if I stood behind the door all day, and never left it, I should find sufficient occupation in answering the knocking and ringing of people (the bulk of them aggressive and impudent), who want to sell me things I do not want or make me relieve distresses of the genuineness of which I know nothing. A dozen times every day at least the maid is called from the top of the house to the bottom to open the door to such people. It is a most persistent and aggravating nuisance, to say the least." Perhaps the best remedy is to give due warning in terms of a gate-plate which one of our staff says he recently saw in passing a certain house: "No Canvassers, No Hawkers, No Beggars, No Money."

Human Nature and Gambling.

There was a good deal of breezy common sense in the remarks of Mr. Gerald Wellesley at the last meeting of the Charity Organisation Society. Lord Newton and other speakers had been Methodisticating on the gambling evil when up jumped Mr. Wellesley, who has worked in an East End mission for years, to put the cat in the dovecot. He boldly declared that he was opposed to all legislation against gambling. "If I were to tell my boys not to gamble because it is sinful," said he, "they would gamble just the same. Instead I say, 'Go and gamble if you please, but you will be a mug if you do,' and the chances are that if he loses the few coppers he has in his pocket he will learn better." Probably he is right. At any rate, puritanical, love-feast legislation won't put down gambling among Englishmen. It is inherent in their spirit of adventure. If they didn't bet and gamble they probably would be without that combination of sportsmanship and enterprise which has given them the master Empire of the world.

Police Hooligans.

For the protection of the public, police officers are entrusted with large powers of interference with the liberties of individuals, and it is right that they should be severely punished for the wanton abuse of their position. The sentences passed in two recent cases, where policemen were guilty of assaults upon unoffending persons, will be hailed with satisfaction. A man who lodges a complaint against a police officer starts with heavy odds against him—but we rejoice that, in this country at any rate, a policeman enjoys no immunity if once it can be clearly shown that he has broken the law of which he is the appointed guardian.

Wanted, a Pooh Bah!

According to the Clerk's advertisement, the Croston District Council are prepared to pay as much as £90 a year for a Surveyor—Inspector of Nuisances—Rate Collector—Gas Manager, with opportunity of earning not less than £5 per annum extra as Clerk to the Higher Education Committee. Unless Croston is a place where there isn't much to survey, much to inspect, much to collect, much to gas, or much to educate, the new Pooh Bah is going to be a dreadful drain on the finances.

£6 or £3 a week for life MUST BE WON.

Theatre Queues.

Theatre and music-hall queues are a great nuisance to people whose business premises adjoin these places of amusement. Messrs. Lyons and Co. have been compelled to appeal to the High Court with reference to the obstruction of the pavement outside the Palladium, and their complaint is echoed by scores of tradespeople in different parts of London. Does not the remedy rest largely with the managers of the theatres concerned? Earlier opening of the doors, and permitting patrons to wait inside, would do much to mitigate the nuisance, while it would at the same time add materially to the comfort of theatre-goers, especially in damp or foggy weather. An experiment along these lines was made not long ago by the management of the Kingsway Theatre, and was attended by complete success. We trust other managers may see their way to adopt the system.

"A Word to Poole."

A statement in the *Daily Chronicle*, usually a reliable newspaper, misled us when we made our comments a few weeks ago on the serious report of the Local Government Board Inspector in regard to the 1911 epidemic of scarlet fever and diphtheria in Poole, "in the course of which some 300 lives were lost." Alderman Julyan, Chairman of the Local Sanitary Committee, informs us there were not 300 deaths, but 300 cases. We are sorry to have been deceived into this mistake, but we may point out to the Alderman and his Committee that, even with the alteration made, they do not get rid of the scathing criticism of the L.G.B. Inspector.

Well Said!

"We are merely pawns in the legal game," remarked the foreman of the jury in a recent case at the Old Bailey. We are glad to think that our protests on this subject have not been without effect, and we shall expect to find other self-respecting jurymen echoing our views. It is a crying shame that men of good standing should be dragged away from their businesses without compensation, merely to have their interests ignored and their opinions flouted by highly paid occupants of the judicial Bench.

Ramsay's Revenge.

The late Mr. Thomas Kellett Ramsay has bequeathed the sum of one pound sterling to the Market Drayton Cottage Hospital. The testator politely explains that the gift would have been larger but for the fact that he was once requested by the hospital authorities to pay interest on a legacy of which he was the trustee, "notwithstanding the fact that he paid it in a very short time after probate was granted." In other words, the hospital people were "too clever by half," and now Mr. Ramsay has got "a bit of his own back." It should be mentioned that the deceased gentleman was a veterinary surgeon, and therefore can never have had any particular use for the hospital. Perhaps in future the authorities of the institution will adopt *festina lente* as their motto, and thus put themselves beyond the reach of such dire revenge.

Lutterworth's Water.

We have received several complaints respecting the quality of the water supplied to the inhabitants of Lutterworth—from old street wells. Indeed, it is stated that several cases of diphtheria are traceable to that source; and, in the circumstances, it is gratifying to learn that London financiers are contemplating establishing adequate waterworks for this rising town. We suggest that before the new project obtains a big monopoly value, the District Council should bestir itself with a view to acquiring the control of the undertaking.

A Dewsbury Linguist.

For an audacious prosecution, commend us to one at Dewsbury, where Messrs. Thornton, Kelley and Co., a firm of cotton spinners, have dragged a girl of 14 into the police court for leaving her work without giving proper notice. The girl left, as a matter of fact, in consequence of the persistent bad language used to her by an overlooker. Here are some of Mr. Thornton's replies in Court. "Do you countenance swearing at the employees?" Witness: "Not altogether." "In part?" Witness: "In cases." "How much bad language has a girl to put up with before she walks out of the place? Any amount?" Witness: "That is so." No wonder the magistrates dismissed the case. Nobody, least of all the workers there, expects a mill to be conducted like a Sunday School, but when a firm employs an overlooker who swears at girls of 14, and the child is expected to tolerate it "to any amount," we suggest that the atmosphere needs drastic moral fumigation. No father who respected his children would allow them to serve under Messrs. Thornton, Kelley and Co's licensed blackguard.

An Unfeline Four.

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"General" Bramwell Booth has had a windfall. A lady who died at Tunbridge Wells a little while ago has left him a legacy of £3,737, which, by the terms of the will, is to be all his very own, to do as he likes with, without reference to the work of the Salvation Army. We congratulate the "General" upon his good luck, which he doubtless attributes to the especial intervention of Providence, and we suggest that, to prevent any confusion, he should deposit the money in a separate banking account, thus the more completely to honour the intentions of the testatrix. Moreover, this is a censorious world, and even "Generals" cannot be too particular.

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"In the Navy Office prudent counsels have never yet prevailed (I say this not of my own wisdom but from the general consent of those who have had opportunity of studying things naval) and I suppose will not, until some great calamity befall our country and makes us call for neither Whig nor Tory, but for those who desire the greatness and the prosperity of these islands. Truly, a great calamity—for more than one of our present-day statesmen."—From "The World Went Very Well Then."

"Bullets" the STRAIGHT and Best-Judged Competition.

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Whatever may be the merits of the Suffragette movement, there can be no question that there is ample scope upon the L.C.C. and its various Committees for women's work, and, consequently, that it is desirable to secure the election of a fair number of public-spirited ladies prepared to devote themselves to the duties of municipal life. In these circumstances, it is remarkable that there should have crept into the London Government Act a section which disqualifies any woman who is not upon the list of County voters from sitting on the Council. No such restriction exists in regard to the Borough Councils, and we suggest that a short amending Act should be introduced next session to remedy this serious defect.

Read This.

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The Bishops' Move.

"It is highly undesirable that stage plays should be acted in church," says the Bishop of London. "My view is that pictorial and dramatic representations of sacred incidents should only be made in churches," declares the Bishop of Southampton. We wonder which of these prelates is on the side of the angels. From the point of view of comfort, we prefer the theatre.

A Rumour.

There is a rumour in political circles that somewhere out in the Near East a terrible war is being waged between the Balkan States and Turkey. Can any of our readers confirm?

Doctor Graball, Clydebank.

A Clydebank mother who has just received her thirty-shillings benefit under the Insurance Act has been promptly confronted by her doctor with a bill for 30s. for attendance. Good old Æsculapius!

RHYMES OF THE TIMES.

Come, gentlemen, your glasses raise!
Long life, good health and joyous days
Be "Mary Bull's"! A splendid name,
Befitting such a worthy dame.
First, Mary! Often as we look
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Or in regard to Britain's Court,
Whereto our gracious Queen has brought
So much of sweetness and of charm,
A sense of happiness and calm
Contentment steals across our frame:
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Next, Bull! This speaks of firmness, strength,
Endurance. Through our country's length
And breadth, 'tis typical of Might,
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To substitute sadness for song,—
In short (in Yankee parlance), will
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"John Bull's" Biscuits.

["*Taking the Biscuit*" *has become a classic phrase, expressive of a satirical reward or recognition. In this column we present, in all good humour, the token to such of our contemporaries and others as may have distinguished themselves by some unconventional utterance or act.*]

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For advertising in "Motor Cycling": "Singer, 2 h.p., magneto motor-cycle (engine in wheel), BELIEVED IN GOOD ORDER (OWNER IN HOSPITAL); 80s.,"

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For stating in a recent criticism that: "If one considers the magnitude of the concerns there is very little here to make one's TEETH *water,"*

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EX-SERVICEMEN, BEWARE CANADA!

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Surely it is high time that the President of the Naval and Military Emigration League—Lord Roberts—and his Committee stopped advising men to proceed to Canada. Early in the year 1912 a British ex-non-commissioned officer, of excellent character, obtained an appointment in Halifax as Sergeant-Instructor in the Canadian A.S.C. After a few months' service he resigned his post, owing to domestic trouble in England, and came home to get things in order. A few weeks later he returned to Canada, and hearing there was a vacancy in his old corps for an accountant, applied for the post. There is no doubt that the man was fully qualified for the position, and there is every indication that the military authorities out there wished him to have the job, as will be seen from the following extraordinary letter, signed by the Advisory Committee, and forwarded to the Commanding Officer :—

> Your letter of the 3rd inst., asking for recommendation for the employment of ——— as Expense Store Accountant, Barrack Store, Halifax, received. We beg to state that we can give no recommendation for the employment of ———. We have plenty of our own men out in this country thoroughly competent to do this work, without giving Government employment to people who have been sent here through the Naval and Military Emigration League, and who have no interest in the country other than taking employment from our own people.

A more insulting letter we have seldom read. The man in question was not sent out by anyone. He paid his own fare. When the Government of Canada wanted this man's services as a soldier at starvation wages, they were everything that was nice—but when he wanted a job at a living wage, then, "No English need apply"!

A Huge Pension Prize which MUST BE WON.

A PACHYDERMATOUS POTTERY PARSON.

POLICE PROTECTION FOR THE PULPIT.

In view of much information of a startling character which reached us regarding the Vicar of St. Paul's, Burslem, we instructed our Special Commissioner to proceed to the Pottery town. The following is his interesting Report:—

Our Special Commissioners's Report.

On Sunday, February 16th, there were unusual and unseemly scenes at St. Paul's Church, Burslem. When the Vicar, the Rev. Hyma H. Redgrave, was about to commence his sermon, a number of the congregation, as on the previous Sunday, left the Church. In the evening several police officers in uniform were present to preserve order—or, as it is put by someone, to "save the Vicar's bacon." To such a pass has religion been brought in Burslem that it would not surprise me to see the local Territorials embodied to guard the Vicarage.

Mr. Redgrave is about fifty years of age, married, with a grown-up family. He received his training at a Congregational College, and after a brief ministry in South East London seceded to the Established Church. The "living" at St. Paul's is worth in round figures £200 a year, and the Church has seating accommodation for about 2,000. Almost as soon as Mr. Redgrave took over his duties in Burslem he commenced a vigorous advertising campaign for the purpose of raising funds. He booked whole-page spaces in several religious papers, and while the wording of these announcements was everything that could be desired from the point of view of touching the pockets of the charitable public, the statements they contained were far from the truth. Redgrave must have spent hundreds of pounds upon advertising, and it is certainly to his credit as an expert publicity agent that he invariably managed to get, free, long editorial notices in the various papers. To quote one from *The Sunday at Home*:—

Church Dances and Card Parties Abolished.

The Rev. Hyma H. Redgrave, M.A., Vicar of St. Paul's, Burslem, Staffs, one of the largest parishes in the Potteries, makes an urgent appeal in the advertisement columns this month to those interested in the Evangelical Protestant cause. In commending his special appeal to our readers we would point out how fearlessly the Vicar has championed the cause of morality, Evangelical Protestantism, and spirituality during the past few years in the Potteries. For abolishing church dances and card parties from his work he has suffered persecution and financial loss. The local press denounced him as a bigot, and many pew-holders sought to injure him by ceasing their pew-rents. He took his bold step when his parish was most needing financial support. To-day Roman Catholics are making a stronghold in his parish, and one of his valuable missions for the poor, which was mortgaged before his vicariate, will be lost unless help is forthcoming. The day of Roman aggression and worldliness in the Church is not the time when such a worker should be unsupported by earnest, spiritually-minded, evangelical Christians. We hope to hear that our readers are coming strongly to the rescue. Donations should be sent to Mr. Redgrave at St. Paul's Vicarage, Burslem.

The paper from which I take the above quotation is run by the Religious Tract Society, and I am wondering if its editor took the trouble to enquire into the accuracy of the advertisement before he penned his paragraph.

I have turned up the files of the local press, but nowhere can I find that Mr. Redgrave has either been persecuted or spoken of as a bigot. Indeed, those papers have given him every latitude. The only wonder is that they have tolerated the man so long.

Redgrave is the incarnation of the spirit of religious bigotry. There is one direction, however, in which he does not carry his narrow-mindedness—he is not a bigoted married man! Before I give particulars as to his broadness of view as regards matrimony where he himself is concerned, let me show his mental attitude upon spiritual matters. In season and out of season, he never ceased denouncing the Roman Catholics in Burslem. His distorted vision could always see the second coming of the Inquisition. He classed adherence to the Church of Rome with drunkenness and crime as the evil forces he had to battle against, and to provide funds for which purpose he made his appeals. Yet all through this calumny the Roman Catholic priests kept their people in hand and treated him with silent contempt.

Clerical Impertinence.

The Rev. R. J. Campbell cannot be accused of leaning towards Roman Catholicism. He is a pastor of one of the world's leading Congregational churches, and at the invitation of his local co-religionists he preached at Burslem in aid of the building fund of a new Church. But Mr. Redgrave objected to his presence—he wanted to be cock of the walk—and issued the following:—

NOTICE OF PROTEST.

I, the VICAR OF ST. PAUL'S PARISH, BURSLEM, desire it to be known that, as an orthodox Christian, I emphatically PROTEST against the Visit to my Parish of the Author of the New Theology, which is regarded by all orthodox Christians as anti-Christian and heretical; and I regret that his visit is to be utilised to raise funds for any Christian place of Worship in Burslem.

HYMA H. REDGRAVE.

I hold no brief for either the Roman Catholic priests or Mr. Campbell, nor do they require me to defend them against such a person as Redgrave—I merely record the treatment they (at the two poles, as it were, of religious thought) received from the Vicar. No wonder the people of Burslem have become disgusted with a man of Redgrave's temperament. They are tired of being painted as a lot of drunken and immoral people—and at last they have turned to smite the Pharisee.

Not a Bigoted Married Man.

I suggest to Redgrave that he should go to Utah; for he is fast qualifying for a Mormon Elder. Some years ago he took into his service at the Vicarage a young girl whose name I need not mention. From maid-of-all-work she was soon promoted to be housemaid, later to further honours—she is now the Vicar's "adopted daughter." Whatever view Mrs. Redgrave may take now regarding the introduction of this young woman into her household, there is ample evidence that for years she resented it very much—and not without cause. The Vicar, ever ready to denounce immorality whenever he found the slightest suspicion of it in any of his parishioners, could not see anything wrong in himself nursing and cuddling his housemaid and "adopted daughter" that was to be! I need not enlarge upon his relations with this girl, beyond mentioning that, being particularly desirous of her viewing some of the wonders of London, he arranged that the wife of one of his parishioners should chaperon her to the metropolis "where"—as he explained to this lady—"they would be met by some friends of his and taken to see some of the sights." The "adopted daughter" and her chaperon put up at an hotel, but instead of friends meeting them they were joined by the Vicar only, and the Burslem denouncer of dances and card parties so far forgot himself as to go to a theatre! There are further items in connection with this visit to London which go to prove Redgrave to be an arch-hypocrite. Nor does the London jaunt stand out alone. There are others on which the pair went unaccompanied—to Blackpool, Stafford and other places.

The Church Committee.

In November last things became so bad that the Church Committee decided to approach Archdeacon Graham with evidence against their spiritual guide, and eventually they confronted Redgrave and told the tale. The Archdeacon seems to have passed the evidence along to the Bishop of Lichfield, and while he is considering what shall be done in the matter we have the unedifying spectacle of a Vicar being guarded by police in a place of worship!

Miriam's Food.

It is a matter of common knowledge in the Potteries that Redgrave is the proprietor of a food called "Miriam." In a pamphlet I have before me I find it is strongly recommended to "Ministers and other Christian workers" in language peculiar to advertising quacks. Amongst the printed testimonials there is one from the Vicar of St. Paul's, and one from a late Curate of that Church.

I may have more to say shortly.

£400 for just two or three words.—See page 326.

FITS AND TRYING ON.

CREATING A CALL FOR A COSTLY CHEMICAL.

A few weeks ago the following interesting advertisement appeared in one of the daily papers:—

FITS.—Clergyman, who has cured hundreds, offers copy of Specialist's Prescription free of cost; failure impossible. —Apply D. D., Grasmere House, Winsford, Cheshire.

A correspondent who responded to it received a long, printed effusion, signed apparently "D. Dunn," and addressed from Grasmere House, Winsford, Cheshire, the gist of which is as follows:—

For some time I have made a charge of 1s. 1d. for this prescription in order to prevent folks writing out of curiosity, but latterly I have been advised to give it free of cost, and the response is proving remarkable.

I have much pleasure in enclosing herewith copy of the Specialist's prescription, with full directions, which, if faithfully and consistently carried out, will most certainly cure the worst case of EPILEPSY. . . . . .

The only instances where KORONIUM BROMIDE has proved a failure are those that have been caused by an accident whereby a fractured skull has been the result, and nothing but a risky and dangerous operation will ever remove it.

If you have any difficulty or doubts in obtaining the correct article, the actual manufacturers of KORONIUM BROMIDE are Messrs. WHITBY and Co., Chemical Manufacturers, WINSFORD, Cheshire, and they are willing to send any quantity from 4 ounces upwards, post free.

I must caution you against an error that sometimes arises whereby patients are supplied with KALIUM BROMIDE instead of KORONIUM BROMIDE. The former is a name frequently given to Bromide of Potash—a drug which is practically useless, no lasting benefits accruing from its use; moreover, the depressing effects it produces are so prominent that doctors are discarding it completely in favour of the newer discovery. KORONIUM BROMIDE is a fine white powder, procurable through any Chemist, provided you supply the name of the manufacturers above. I have found, however, that the price is the same whether obtained direct, or through your Local Chemist; the price charged by WHITBY and Co. being 4 ozs. for 4s. 6d. and 16s. per pound post free. For this reason I strongly recommend you to get the powder direct from the makers. You will thus save delay and disappointment. Infusion of Calumba (ordinary strength not concentrated) is a preparation which any chemist will supply you with for about 2d. an ounce. Owing to the risk of breakage the manufacturers of K.B. do not send this ingredient (Infusion of Calumba) by post, but advise you to obtain it at your Local Chemists.

This testimonial is indeed touching. It will be noticed that the price charged for the "Koronium Bromide"—whatever that may be—is 1s. an ounce, whereas the ingredient known to the Pharmacopœia is but one-sixth of that sum. It would certainly be interesting to learn the full address at Winsford of Messrs. Whitby and Co.

"JOHN BULL'S BOY."

SUBSCRIPTIONS COMING IN FOR OUR SUGGESTED "TRIBUTE."

We have pleasure in acknowledging the following subscriptions received in response to our appeal for funds with which to purchase a gold or silver model of the Antarctic Exploration vessel, the *Terra Nova*, in the hold of which we suggest should be placed a complete record of the heroic achievement and death of the father of little Peter Scott, to be presented to the boy as an inspiration in life:—

Proprietors of JOHN BULL, £100; J. S. Elias, £5 5s.; H Bottomley, £5; H. Diamond, £20; W. W. M., £5 5s.; W. H. B. £5 5s.; Thomas Farrow, £5; W. J. B. Odhams, £2 2s.; L. L. £2; W. H. H., £1 1s.; F. C. A., £1 1s.; "A Widow," 2s. 6d.; "Anon," 5s.; "Sympathiser," 5s.; C. J., 1s.; "An Admirer," 10s. 6d.; "Englishman," 2s.; "Sympathiser," 10s.; "Another Peter," 3s.; M. C. N., 4s.; "Working Man," 6d.; Z., 2s. 6d.; "West Country," 10s.; "A Naval Pensioner," 2s.; B. J. L., 5s.; M. M., 3s.; "Eric," 4s. 6d.; "Anonymous," 2s.; "A Mite," 2s.; "JOHN BULL Reader," 1s. 6d.; N. C., 5s.; "Harold," 1s.; "Well-wisher," 4s.; "Every Little Helps," 2s. 6d.; "Working Woman," 2s.; T. McN., 5s.; A. B. C., 1s.; P. O. P., 4s.; K. D., 3s.; C. O. R., 5s.; F. S. & E. S., 6s.; "Willingly," 5s.; I. M. G., 2s. 6d.; "Regular Reader," £1; "Sandwich," 2s. 6d.; W. A. S., 5s.; "John," 4s.; J. H., £1 1s.; Mrs. E. L. M., 1s.; P. G., 1s. Total: £160 15s. 6d.

A further list of acknowledgments will be published next week.

ANOTHER BROAD-MINDED PARSON.

A NORFOLK CLERIC DENOUNCES CANT AND HYPOCRISY.

We are very glad to receive a letter from a Norfolk clergyman expressing his great satisfaction at "the well-merited rebuke" which we administered recently to a gentleman who has been acting as *locum tenens*, or curate, for the absconding Rev. Albert Knight. He points out, however, that honour—or, rather, dishonour—should be given where due, and tells us that he can find in *Crockford* no "Rev. H. J. Cobbett." Our reference was, of course, based upon newspaper reports of his utterances, and it is quite possible that some slight mistake may have crept in. Our correspondent agrees that the quotation we gave from the *Christ Church* (*Leeds*) *Parish Magazine* is indeed shocking, but says—and he seems to have made a study of the matter—that it is hardly more so than many others that might be culled from "these often egregious publications." He adds that "the local editor of a particularly banal specimen circulating in my own neighbourhood, recently issued what he termed an Advent Greeting, which for its piffling pieties would be very hard to beat. To say nothing of its other defects (in composition, phrasing and punctuation) the word 'holy' is dragged in three times in as many paragraphs, one of which concludes with an oily commendation of a certain branch of Church work which, as he avers, 'has done well in the direction of a *holy esprit de corps*'!!! It would be too much of course to expect that you should find space for further samples, but I thank you sincerely for what you have already done." Such commendations are indeed refreshing in this age of clerical cant.

PRIM PRIMROSERS.

A BOGNOR DANCE AND ITS RESULT.

The annual dance of the Bognor Habitation of the Primrose League was held recently at the Queen's Hall There were over 200 present. The Ruling Councillor, Mr H. L. Staffurth, in a short speech prior to the lighter portion of the evening's proceedings, said he wished to remind those present that the dance was an occasion "when a sweep could mingle with a duke or lord." Within ten minutes of this cordially received declaration, a Mr. Harrison, of Yapton, arrived at the hall, escorting three young ladies, and in company with another gentleman and his wife. Immediately they entered the cloak room their tickets were collected and they began to disrobe. Hardly had they started, when the Secretary, Mrs. Aubrey said: "You cannot be admitted here. We don't want pantomime girls here, so out you go." The Secretary's snobbish attitude being backed up by the Ruling Councillor, the ladies resumed their cloaks and left. It appears that the tickets were purchased by a member of the League, he being, in fact, the gentleman who shared with Mr. Harrison the duties of escort. The tickets distinctly bore the inscription, "Members, 2s.; non-members, 2s. 6d.," so it is clear that the function was in no way confined to members. The ladies in question were finishing the next day their engagements in a pantomime, in which they were the principal actresses, and were of unimpeachable character—and their conduct upon this trying occasion bears striking testimony to their tact and the equableness of their tempers.

At one time it looked as if there would be a fight between several gentlemen and the Ruling Councillor, and it is not surprising to learn that many members of the League are determined to sever their connection with it. The one regret of those whose arbitrary and ungallant conduct has led to the trouble is that the whole of the fuss is being made by their own party—they say they would not mind so much if it had come from the Radicals!

Somewhat similar treatment was meted out to the assistant-manager of the Pier Theatre, who bought a double ticket, and finding that his wife could not go, took one of his assistants—to be refused admission also.

We would suggest that these turbulent members should secede and start some other association—such as a Mustard and Cress League (with plenty of mustard) in lieu of that named after "Dizzy's favourite salad."

Our Football Offer is a World's Record.

NEMESIS OVERTAKES CASH REGISTER OFFICIALS.

PATTERSON AND 28 OTHERS SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT.

For some three months last past a trial has been going on in the American Courts wherein the Federal Government were prosecuting twenty-nine officials and ex-officials of the National Cash Register Company of America. They have been convicted on three counts of violating the criminal section of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law, and the President, J. H. Patterson, has been sentenced to pay a fine of £1,000 and to undergo twelve months' imprisonment, twenty-eight co-conspirators being sentenced to terms of imprisonment of from nine months to twelve months and being ordered to pay the costs of the prosecution.

There have been two classes of proceedings pending, one being the Federal prosecution above referred to and the other State proceedings.

We have before us a report published in our contemporary, *Typewriter Topics*, of certain of these charges, which makes very interesting reading. It mentions an advertisement of the Company, in which appears the words "We will give no quarter," and describes how it alleged the Company employed agents of competitive firms and lured them to give up their late masters' trade secrets and by trickery bought up the businesses of rival companies.

The "Knockers" Knocked.

In order to crush competitors or get them to transfer their businesses and plants to the National Company, the indictment charges the officials in question with having bribed employees of rival firms and having induced them to disclose lists of prospective buyers, and the names of those who had bought from rival firms and not completed payments, as well as drawings and specifications relating to inventions, improvements and patents of other companies. They were further charged with bribing carters and employees of companies, messengers, etc., to disclose rivals' secrets of business, and paying spies to make false statements about competitive companies, reflecting on their integrity and credit. Indeed, in some instances, these spies, it was alleged, induced competitors' customers to repudiate contracts by these methods. Still another system of "besting" competitors with which the American Government charged the National Cash Register Company, was to manufacture cash registers, modelled after the style of those of competitors, with weak and defective parts, and then offer them for sale at prices lower than competitors' prices. Machines so manufactured were called "knockers," and were made largely to sell to customers contemplating purchasing expensive models of rivals, the idea being to sell the defective imitation for the real article.

"So Simple."

One of the National Company's simple business methods consisted of bringing actions against rival concerns, alleging infringements of patents, whereas they themselves were infringing other people's patents, and infringing them to a very great extent. Their "knock-out" system was a most elaborately-planned affair. A special staff, consisting of a number of "knock-out" men being employed. These agents apparently resorted to every possible kind of trickery to "best" rival companies.

A most amusing piece of evidence was that of one of the witnesses for the prosecution, who swore that John H. Patterson drew on a blackboard a picture of a dog, and told the agents in conference that cutting off the dog's tail, or his ears, or his feet, would not necessarily kill him—the sure way would be to cut off his head. Patterson is alleged to have said that this is what must be done in competition, as he said competitors had no right in the field, as they took the bread and butter out of the mouths of National Cash Register salesmen!

Another method used by the Company was to exercise their influence with institutions to injure the credit of competitors.

Thus has Patterson come to the end of the rope at last. Our readers will recall that we had our own fight with him and his tricky concern not long ago, making things hotter than ever he expected when he made his descent on London

SOMETHING LIKE A COMPETITION.

"JOHN BULL" BREAKS ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS.

On another page will be found particulars of a harmless and stimulating Football Competition, which we have no hesitation in saying will place altogether in the shade everything of the kind previously attempted in the history of journalism. First of all, we give a pension of £6 a week for the correct forecast of twenty matches; secondly, we give a pension of £3 a week for the most correct forecast, in the event of the full result not being sent in; thirdly, we give £500 in cash to the "runner-up" to the pension winner, and, lastly, we give a special prize of £100 to the lady reader sending in the most correct forecast short of that entitling her to either of the three larger prizes already mentioned. For full details of this unique offer, see page 317

TERRITORIAL TYRANNY.

WHY THE FORCE IS SHORT—AN EXAMPLE FROM SUSSEX.

The virtual dismissal of an enthusiastic Territorial from the Force without apparent reason is, in view of the rapidly increasing shortage in the new arm, a matter of much public interest; hence we make no apology for printing the following facts, which have been brought to our notice with an abundance of confirmatory detail:—

On January 3rd, 1902, an enthusiast joined the Sussex Yeomanry for a term of three years, subsequently re-engaging annually—on April 1st—for service extending until 1908, in which year the Territorial Force was started. The yeoman was then invited to sign on as a Territorial for a similar term. This he did, renewing his engagement year by year down to January 1st, 1913. During that period he had shown himself to be a very keen soldier, attending every camp, making himself thoroughly efficient, and rising by sheer merit to the position of Troop Sergeant.

On January 1st last he received the following postcard from the Squadron Sergeant Major at headquarters at Eastbourne:—

> As your time in the Yeomanry finishes on the 3rd January will you kindly forward all your kit and equipment to me at once (carriage forward). The equipment is urgently required for recruits.

Surprised at receiving what appeared to be his abrupt dismissal, and knowing that at the moment his troop was eight or nine short of its full strength, he wrote asking if there was any objection to his re-engaging. To this came the following reply:—

> Referring to your postcard this morning I believe there is no objection to your re-engaging, but I understood you to say at the last camp that it would be your last, so concluded you intended resigning on the termination of your engagement, and it has been arranged accordingly that Trooper S——— will be made Troop Sergeant, and will shortly be examined for promotion to that rank. If, however, you are in doubt about the matter, I should advise you to write to Lt. A. C. S———. He is your Troop Officer, and is responsible for his troop.

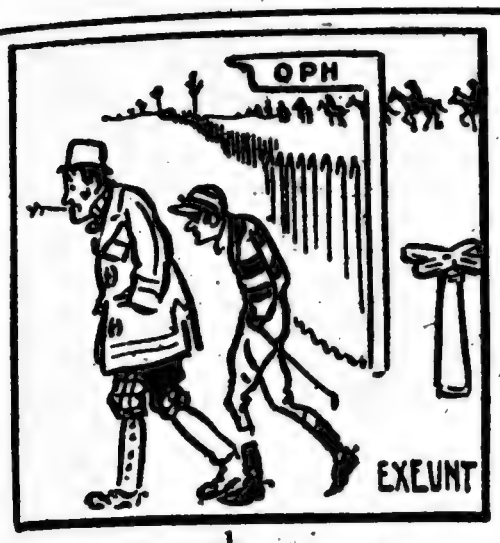
As the officer referred to was away on his honeymoon, and the date of his return unknown, and in view of the fact that his place in the troop had apparently already been filled behind his back, the man who had devoted so much time to voluntary soldiering—filled with excusable disgust—sent in his kit and equipment, and received his discharge certificate.

The question we wish to ask is this: Why was this keen and efficient Territorial practically pushed out of the Force at a time when his troop were eight or nine short? We have heard his version of the incident, seen the correspondence, examined his discharge certificate, and have found nothing to warrant the arbitrary treatment he appears to have received. On the other hand, the evidence of his fellow troopers leads us to the conclusion that in losing this experienced N.C.O. the Sussex County Territorials have deprived themselves of one of the type they most need—a keen and painstaking soldier and a born Yeoman. What has the Captain and Adjutant to say in explanation?

Special £100 Prize for the Ladies.—See page 317.

"JOHN BULL'S" WEEKLY CINEMA.

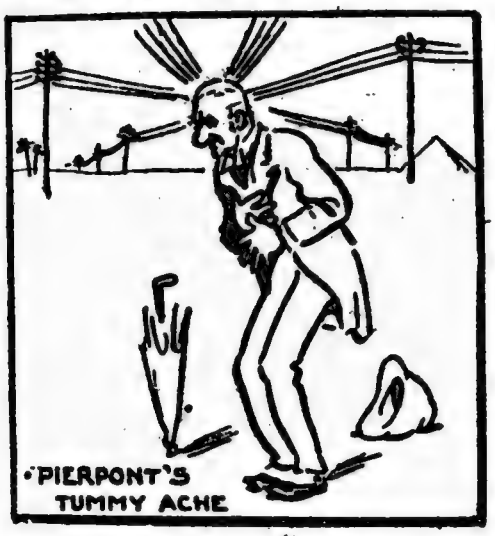
BULL-DOGGEREL RHYMES BY "THE BOW-WOW."



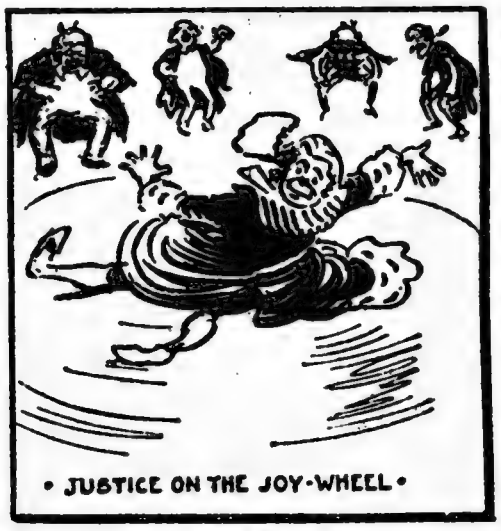
1.
To keep the turf and racing "clean,"
The National Hunt Stewards are keen;
This Coulthwaite and R. Chadwick find,
And, turning, leave the course behind.

2.
To Austria the Russian Czar
Conveys, by hints, a threat of war;
And Edward Grey's pacific schemes
Seem likely to dissolve in dreams.

3.
In rowing shorts the racing crews
Down by the river get the "blues";
The only wind they find increased
Is that which blows from out the East.



4.
The world financial gets a thrill
At hearing Pierpont Morgan's ill;
Not love but cash this fear inspires
That hums along unnumbered wires.



5.
Judge Lush his ignorance displays
Of the swift-passing Joy Wheel craze,
Therefore we venture to suggest
That he should give the thing a test.

6.
The new machine of Grahame-White,
Designed for military flight,
King George's keen attention draws
And moves him to express applause.

GOOD-BYE TO THE SESSION!

(With acknowledgments to the poet Praed.)

Good-bye to the Session!—'tis over!
All parties retire from the fray,
And, thinking of Melton or Dover,
The members will hasten away.
Together they crush a last beaker,
Then friend and foe turn to the door,
And the passionless eye of the Speaker
They seek not to catch any more.
Their only thought is of enjoyment,
After strenuous days at the game,
For a time they are out of employment,
But their salary runs just the same.

Good-bye to the Session!—the lobbies,
Through which they all tramped just as told,
Are vacant, and, outside, the bobbies
Alone pace the court in the cold.
Old Ireland no more is distressful,
And Wales has demolished its Church,
The Unionists' cup is—ah, yes!—full,
And the Peers are still left in the lurch;
The Bishops are fretting and fuming,
The Redmond gets paid for his zeal,
The daffodil (Welsh) is all blooming,
For the doctors have been brought to heel.

Good-bye to the Session!—the stories
Are told, and the record is shut;
The Libs. and the Rads. and the Tories
Feel—each being free—like a nut!
The Byles and the Whittaker vanish,
The Ginnell will ginnell no more,
The Birrell all worry will banish,
And birrell at ease on the shore;
The Carson may dream of the fighting
That he so appallingly paints,
McKenna his soul is delighting
By reading the "Lives of the Saints."

Good-bye to the Session!—another
Will start all too soon for our good,
As like as a pea to its brother,
So don't shout till out of the wood.
Members once more will get in a rough rage
And play the same stale party games,
And females will shriek for the suffrage,
And men will call other men names;
The trickery won't be diminished
In the next Session, looming quite nigh,
But—anyhow—this one is finished—
Good-bye to the Session!—Good-bye! **R. M.**

How our Legislators could pleasurably and profitably spend the recess—by learning from the pages of the new MARY BULL what women really want.

Don't fail to take "Mary Bull" home.

WOOLWORTH'S OF WOOLWICH.

THE WOMAN, THE ASSISTANT, AND THE PIECRUST RULE.

The Woolwich "bazaar" of the alliteratively named firm of F. W. Woolworth and Co. has of late suffered considerably from pilfering—with the result that an assistant seems to have been detailed for the special duty of mixing with the crowd and keeping his eyes open. While so engaged he recently observed a woman pick up a pair of socks and put them in her bag without paying for them. Upon his stopping her, she asserted that she intended to pay, but could see no assistant handy to take the money. The bag being searched, it was found to contain also several other articles which were identified as coming from Messrs. Woolworth's. To quote from the report of a local paper of the subsequent police court proceedings: "As they were not wrapped up he knew that they had been stolen, because it was a rule that everything sold had to be wrapped in paper." In view of this statement, things looked black for her, as it seemed that she must have been guilty of wholesale theft. A young man, however, interposed, and on going into the witness box mentioned that he was quite an independent witness, and had attended the court merely out of curiosity. He could not, however, allow the statement of the bazaar employee to go uncontradicted, as it was within his own knowledge that customers very frequently did not wait for purchases to be wrapped up, any rule to that effect being honoured almost as much in the breach as the observance. The prisoner was then formally remanded on bail, with a view to being committed for trial. But when she reappeared, the magistrate had apparently turned over in his mind the striking testimony which had been volunteered—or had consulted some of the local police officers, most of whom were well aware of the fact, though too much restrained by discipline to dare to interfere in legal proceedings, even to prevent a miscarriage of justice—for he merely bound over the accused, who was highly respectable, to come up for judgment if called upon and placed her on probation.

We would advise Messrs. Woolworth to caution their assistant against in future blindly swearing that the mere making of a rule caused it to be implicitly adhered to—as his lack of observation and loose thinking have placed a woman in dire peril. Independent, assertive and observant strangers are not always present at the hearing of such charges.

MODERN "BABES IN THE WOOD."

SHOWING HOW GRANDPA WAS NOT SO "FOXY" AFTER ALL.

In our last issue we published a story told by an East Ham boy of 14 relating to certain transactions between himself and his sister with his relatives, in regard to the settlement of the affairs of his deceased parents. The narrative, on the face of it, seemed a typical instance of the treatment which the more unprotected members of a family, unfortunately, frequently experience at the hands of their elders when a small estate is informally distributed owing to a death without a will—hence our reference to the matter. We have since received a visit from the boy's grandfather and his two elder brothers, who have produced documents which throw quite a different light upon this particular case. The lad having at that time not gone out to work, and the sister with whom he was desirous of living being then unemployed—and even at the best of times receiving no more than a few shillings a week—there was ample justification for their seniors refusing to allow them to retain the furniture and endeavour to keep on the home. The major portion of the things were, therefore, disposed of to dealers, those purchased by relatives being small miscellaneous effects for which there was little general market. The proceeds were divided amongst the children and the jewellery also equally distributed. As to the sum of £80 left in the Savings Bank, the reason the boy has not had his share is that the P.O. regulations will not permit him to touch it until he is 16; we have, however, seen the deposit book in which it stands to his credit. We are afraid our young friend has shown both ingratitude and spite—to say nothing of a vivid imagination.

HUMAN DOCUMENT.—CCXXXV.

[In this column every week we publish particulars of some human derelict whose case, after full investigation, we are able to recommend to the charity of our readers. We are happy to say that in this way we have already been the means of bringing comfort into many a wretched home. All amounts subscribed are duly acknowledged, and no deduction of any kind is made by us.]

A LADYSMITH HERO THROWN ON THE SCRAPHEAP.

The case we publish this week is a provincial one, and in testimony to its genuineness we append a letter from the District Missioner.

The scrapheaped warrior writes:—

> I hope you will read this in the spirit that it is wrote. I have been waiting for a reply about a further pension from Chelsea Hospital, but they have refused. I have been in the Service and served through the South African war, and was in the Siege of Ladysmith, and the sickness which I had there is the cause of my heart disease and a tumour on the main artery in the stomach. I am bed-fast, and have been on and off for 12 months. I am now in the workhouse. I have a wife and four children outside, living on 8s. and four loaves. What is that to keep a house open with? Of course you understand that my medals are lost in pawn and all my clothes, and my wife tells me she has just pledged the clean clothes to try and keep the home going a bit longer. I have come in here to leave more to eat for my children, as they get the same as if I was outside (I mean parish relief). Could you do anything for me through your valuable book?

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> It has been suggested by the Vicar of the Parish Church that I write in reference to an appeal for assistance made by ———, who is at the present time in the Union Hospital very seriously ill. As I am the Assistant Missioner here and have visited the house several times, I am glad to fulfil this duty on his behalf, or rather his family. When I first found them on their coming into the parish during the autumn of last year, they were practically destitute. Mr. ——— was then lying in the kitchen quite helpless. I questioned him and his wife and found out that formerly he had seen active service in South Africa, but for many months previously had been unable to follow his employment owing to an inward trouble. We relieved them some little, but we cannot really afford to help them from the church in such a way as their poverty demands. A few shillings is granted them from the Guardians, with a loaf or two, but this is distinctly insufficient for wife and four children. I would be heartily glad to find that assistance had been granted them in their present distressful condition. Mrs. ———, as I find her, is clean, respectable, industrious, and strives to make as much as possible out of her scanty means. Her own state of health is very far from being what it ought to be in a young person of her age—I believe her to be too weak to follow any employment, by way of earning a few shillings. If anything can be done for them by JOHN BULL I am sure it would be a veritable blessing, "for the need is great." I know of no other family in our parish, or locality, which I could recommend for this purpose with more sincerity.

We have before us the man's parchment certificate of character, which is marked "very good." We think we may confidently leave this distressing case with our readers.

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HEARD IN THE TRAIN.

16 TO 10.

1ST NAVVY: Wot I awsk is this. Wot blinkin' right 'ave the blinkin' Germans to dictate to *h*us erbaht our blinkin' Navy? *Thet's* wot I wanter know.

2ND NAVVY: But they ain't. They ain't done nothink o' the sort.

1ST NAVVY: Wot? Garn away! It wos in orl the blinkin' pipers, wosn't it? Admiral Turps, or suthink, it wos wot sed it. Sixteen ter ten, 'e sed. Germany's agreeble, 'e sed, to thet prerporshun. W'en we build ten Dreadnoughts, 'e sed, you mustn't build no more'n sixteen. Ain't thet dictatin'?

2ND NAVVY: You ain't got it right, mate. It wos Winston Churchill wot sed sixteen ter ten, mumfs ago.

1ST NAVVY: Then 'e oughter be poleaxed! Wot's 'e wanter go kow towin' to the blinkin' Germans for?

2ND NAVVY: *'Oo* went kow-towin' to the Germans?

1ST NAVVY: *'Oo* you sed—Mister Blinkin' Churchill. A fine bloke *'e* is to be at the 'ead of the Navy! Sailin' a toy yot in the Serpentine's more 'is mark.

2ND NAVVY: Nar yer torkin' silly. There ain't no sense in torkin' like thet. Winston's orl right, I give yer my word.

1ST NAVVY: 'E's a pal o' yores, I reckon. Went ter Collidge together, I shouldn't wonder. Yuss?

2ND NAVVY: Don't tork like a fat'-eaded fool. Thet ain't argyerment, torkin' like thet.

1ST NAVVY: It's sarnd sense, enny'ow. Ain't we got the biggest navy in the world?

2ND NAVVY: Corse we 'ave.

1ST NAVVY: Very well then. Wotter we wanter come to enny errangement wiv Germany for, then?

2ND NAVVY: W'y, ter stop this 'ere mad race fur army-mints, thet's w'y.

1ST NAVVY: Wot mad race? W'ere's yer mad race, mate?

2ND NAVVY: W'y, wot's agoin' on nar. Ain't we spendin' millyuns o' parnds *h*every yer in buildin' Dreadnorts?

1ST NAVVY: Wot of it? Seventy-hve per cent. goes ter pay wages, ole son.

2ND NAVVY: Thet's nuthink ter do wiv it. It's a me-nace ter the peace o' Europe.

1ST NAVVY: Eh? It's a wotter? Come again, mate.

2ND NAVVY: I say it's a me-nace ter the peace o' Europe.

1ST NAVVY: Ch, it *is*, is it? And wot's a me-nace, w'en 'e's at 'ome, may I awsk?

2ND NAVVY: I cawn't 'elp yore bloomin' ignorance. Find aht!

1ST NAVVY: Haw, haw! Nar yer gittin' shirty. Thet's 'ow it is wiv you blighted Radicals. Soon as you're gittin' bested you gitcher rag aht.

2ND NAVVY: *'Oo's* gittin' bested?

1ST NAVVY: *You* aw. Knocked ter the wide.

2ND NAVVY: It'ud take a better man then *you* ter do it, mate. W'y it's like torkin' to a silly kid ter tork ter you. Fust of orl you ses as ow Germany is a-dictatin' to us, w'ich is rot. Then you ses Winston Churchill oughter be pole-axed, w'ich is —— nonsense. Then you tries to make aht as 'ow you've got ther best of the argymint!

1ST NAVVY: Don't git egcited. Keep to the point. Jew mean ter tell me you'd put yore money on a sixteen ter ten chawnce? Wot's thet, eight ter five, ain't it? Four ter two an' a 'arf!

2ND NAVVY: P'r'eps not. But thet ain't got nuthink ter do wiv it.

1ST NAVVY: Ho, yuss, it 'as! Don't chew make no errer. And thet's on'y countin' on two 'osses runnin'. Wot price *H*austria? Wot erbaht *'er* Drednorts? I tell yer wot, mate, wot we oughter 'ave ter be safe, is *four ter one!* Yuss, four ter one.

2ND NAVVY: P'r'eps we ort. But 'ow could we? We ain't got ther money.

1ST NAVVY: Then we oughter do wot good ole Bottomley ses, blow the blinkin' German Navy to 'ell afore it gits enny stronger. 'Ere we aw! I'm goin' ter 'ave a pint w'en I gits ahtside. 'Aven't 'ad a drink since dinner. Come on, mate.

What Is Your Number? See page iii. of Cover.

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I.

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While discord round him spread;
"I think it would be much more cool
Up in the Lords," he said.

II.

It was the schemer Bonar Law
That sailed the wintry sea
Of politics,—and took the place
Where Balfour ought to be.

III.

If you're joking, call me modest,
Call me modest, Asquith dear;—
How the "shrinking" Winston blushes
When such praise he has to hear.

IV.

Half a day! Half a day!
Half a day off, please!
Sharp on the stroke of one
Shutters and locks seize.
Forward the Shop Hours Act,
Though through it some were sacked,
Gave many what they lacked—
Half a day's hol'day.

V.

News of battle! News of battle!
Hear it ringing through the land!
For the *Daily Mail's* decreed it,
And has forced old Carson's hand.

VI.

Pitch! Pitch! Pitch!
Varnish and treacle and oil,
Into a pillar-box pour the lot;
"Glad-eye" the bobbie who's on the spot;
We shall keep on till the vote we've got;
Everyone's letters we'll spoil.

VII.

The Government was falling fast,
When o'er the land there quickly passed
A cry,—raised by a Welshman's voice,
That made faint Liberal hearts rejoice,—
"Land Taxes!"

VIII.

Under the spreading Westminster
The Irish Redmond stands;
The dollars in his pocket-book
Are fresh from Yankee lands;
And he looks the Lords straight in the face,
For the Commons he commands.

IX.

The division was a snatched one,
Planned by the Tory mob;—
They all were very badly "had"
When Asquith kept his job.

X.

The *Mail* tolls out the knell of Liberal day,
Whereas, if we believe the *Leader's* voice,
The Government will stay in power for years;—
You pay your ha'penny, and you take your choice.

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Esprit de corps! is frequently the cry of those who wish others to rally round their own deficiencies.

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By Leopold Spero.

An eminent financier, being much pestered by a friend for something good, advised him at length to buy Macgillicuddy Reeks. "You'll be surprised, my boy," he said, slapping him on the back, "you'll be surprised to see whose that shares 'll be worth in three months' time." At the end of three months the Friend again came to the Financier's office, and insisted on seeing him, damaging the office boy in the process. The Financier gripped his chair and prepared for trouble. "About those shares," said the visitor. "You bought them on your own responsibility," said the Financier. "It's none of my doing. I merely gave you my best advice." "You said I'd be surprised at their price," said the other. "Well, aren't you?" asked Crœsus, with a bad imitation of a grin. "I am," answered the victim, beaming, "but not half so surprised as my mother-in-law. I bought them for her, and she died yesterday of shock." Which proves that even finance has its uses.

A Country Gentleman of Epicurean Tastes came up to London on a Visit, and Went into Skeating's in search of Smoked Salmon, for which he had a Rare Fancy. "How much is This?" he enquired, indicating a Skinny Fragment. "Half-a-Crown," replied the Assistant, with an Easy Grace only to be Acquired behind a Counter. "Half-a-Crown?" asked the Customer, "for a Bone?" "Why not?" enquired the Assistant. "It's a Good Bone." "All right," said the Customer, Shrugging his Overcoat. "Wrap it Up." A few Minutes Later he turned to leave the Shop. The Assistant ran After him, and Caught him near the Door. "You've forgotten your Parcel, Sir," he gasped. "*My* Parcel?"—"Yes, Sir: you Told me to Wrap it Up." "Ah, Yes," quoth the Gourmet. "I did tell you to Wrap it Up—but Not for Me. I thought it might save you Trouble to have it Wrapped Up, in case you should ever get anybody to Pay for it."

THE WOMAN AND HER CREED.

IX.—Mrs. Pankhurst.

I believe in Votes for Women!

I believe the end justifies the means.

I believe in making the general public suffer for the sins of the Government.

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I believe it is pleasing in the sight of God to cause untold distress to inoffensive individuals.

I believe it is gratifying to the Almighty to tear and trample upon His most exquisite handiwork, the rare, exotic orchids cherished at Kew Gardens.

I believe plate glass was made to be broken.

I believe policemen were made to be assaulted and abused.

I believe magistrates were made to be insulted.

I believe that damaging golf links is a positive inspiration of political genius.

I believe that the extension of the Parliamentary franchise to women will create a new Heaven and a new earth.

I believe the creature, Man, will then be reduced to his proper place in Society.

I believe that agitating for Votes for Women is one of the most interesting and profitable occupations open to the sex.

I believe the agitation will never die down so long as we can find wealthy dupes to contribute to our funds.

I believe Christabel is having a very good time in Paris at their expense.

I believe Sylvia and I might do worse than run over and join her for a few days before the next Session opens.

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To Sir C. Kinloch-Cooke, M.P., 3, Mount Street, W.

Sir,—A rebuke such as that administered to you by the honoured Speaker is so rare an experience in the House of Commons that it must necessarily be accepted everywhere as the measure of the gross offence which provoked it. Just as there is a species of nonentity which achieves notoriety by licking the boots of its political patrons, so is there a species which thrives on acrid impertinences and waspish ineptitudes, and, whilst in the House, I had ample opportunity of deciding to which class you belong. Your exhibition the other night was characteristic. There was not the slightest cause or reason for your interposition at all. You had not been attacked by Mr. Churchill. Indeed, I much doubt whether you had even been noticed by him. When Lord Charles Beresford asked him whether a mud bank had been discovered at Rosyth naval works and the Minister asked for notice of the question, there came this impertinent gibe from you: "Cannot answer about mud! I thought you were a slinger of it."

Then it was that the Speaker addressed you in terms which should make your constituents ashamed of their representative. Or can it be that your constituents regard you with the greater affection the more you disgrace them? If such is the case, their affection must now be profound!

John Bull.

To Edward Foster, Esq., Manager, Alhambra, Glasgow.

My Dear Sir,—I have read your interesting correspondence with the Scotch Insurance Commissioners, and it leads me to suggest that young actors and actresses who come under the provisions of the Act, and wish to obtain their ninepence for fourpence, should take their own doctors with them when they go on tour. Please tell the young lady who was taken ill while performing at your theatre to remember this in the future. When I think of her misfortunes on that unlucky night my heart goes pit-a-pat. Poor thing! I like that, you ringing up six doctors one after the other, each in turn refusing to attend, and telling you she must "summon the doctor whose name was on her panel card"—with that good, and busy, man miles and miles away in Yorkshire, where she lives when she is at home—and your having at last to summon your own private doctor to her. No wonder that, when asked for the fee, she bridled up with indignation, having already paid up her insurance tax for medical benefit. It must have been enough to bring on suffragitis!

However, while there's life there's hope, and I note that the Insurance Commissioners intend to consider whether they cannot make arrangements for those whose business constantly takes them long distances from their domiciles to secure medical attendance wherever it is necessary. I cannot inform you how long it will take them to "consider," but you may rely upon them doing something between now and the Resurrection, when the dead shall be raised and we shall all be changed in the twinkling of an eye—Mr. Lloyd George among us! Hoping that trade is very good and that you know a nice cheerful place to go to on Sundays,

John Bull.

To "General" Bramwell Booth, Salvation Army.

Dear "General,"—Congratulations upon your windfall. Three thousand pound legacies from nice maiden ladies don't come every day, even to the "boss" of the Salvation Army. By the way, I was much struck by a recent remark of yours that "the very heart and soul of the Salvation Army religion are to be found in the spirit of self-denial," and then you went on to make certain charming suggestions, such as that people might give you money saved by abstaining from "the usual allowance of pudding during the week." Well, you, at any rate, won't need to go without pudding or anything else with that nice little cheque for three thousand pounds reposing at your bank, and there is no easier form of self-denial than that which costs just nothing at all, is there?

You say that "there is nothing insular or narrow" about the charity of Salvationists. Good! What about my "Human Document" fund?

John Bull.

To Sir William Ramsay, President of the Royal Commission on Sewage Disposal.

Dear Sir William,—I have just noticed that the Royal Commission of which you are the distinguished President has been sitting for no less than fifteen years. This seems an unconscionable time, even as Royal Commissions go. How tired you all must be!

I have no wish to be impertinent, but have you been sitting every day for all this time, or only just once in a way? And then I suppose you have published "interim" Reports, or isn't it time for one yet? In any case, I suppose the sewage has been disposed of somehow during the time you gentlemen have been conferring as to whether it should be scattered to the four winds of heaven or sunk in the deep blue sea. It's all very interesting—and expensive—no doubt! Do please tell us more.

John Bull.

To the Rev. Dr. Madill, Presbyterian Clergyman, Garvagh, Ireland.

Sir,—I do not know whether in Ireland you are anybody in particular—I refer to your extraordinary suggestion that Unionists should boycott Nationalist workmen if Home Rule becomes law, simply because it is another instance of monstrous bigotry. It is almost incredible that a minister of the Gospel should make so astounding a proposition.

According to you, reverend sir, the Unionist and Protestant workmen should refuse to work with those who differ from them; Unionist employers are to post on their gates that the services of all Nationalist workmen will be dispensed with; and the result you joyfully contemplate is that "100,000 workers with their families would be immediately thrown out of employment." You ask the question "whether any Government could take in the extent of such a calamity or comprehend the appalling disasters likely to ensue," and then exult with a fiendish glee at the thought that "the forces of the Crown might be required to keep the starving Nationalists in order." What pestiferous wickedness! When do *you* propose to do a bit of starving for the cause?

John Bull.

To the Right Hon. Sydney Buxton, M.P., Board of Trade.

Dear Sir,—I cannot think that you view with unconcern the sinister trend of events among railway and transport workers. There are signs on every hand that big trouble is brewing and that ere long we may be confronted with a situation of extreme gravity. I have no doubt that you are watching every development with the closest attention. I look to you to safeguard the commercial interests of the nation against the ineptitude of Capital and the machinations of Labour.

If a strike comes, I shall expect you to be ready—this time!

John Bull.

To General Hertzog, Parliament of South Africa.

Sir,—I observe that you have been airing your views upon Imperialism and the value of the British connection. You appear to be considering the pros and cons of British rule in South Africa. Permit me to remind you that this is not the time, neither are you the man, for such a task. British supremacy in South Africa has been dearly purchased with British blood and treasure, and you, sir, to-day—for good or ill—are a subject of the British Crown. As such, your utterances will be carefully scrutinised here at home. Have a care lest, by an unguarded word, you arouse passions which are sleeping, and thus impede the progress of the South African peoples towards enduring prosperity and lasting peace.

John Bull.

To the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Hereford.

My Lord Bishop,—With most of your views I cannot pretend to agree, but I have nothing but admiration for the courage and vigour with which you declare them. It needed a brave man to welcome the Welsh Disestablishment Bill from his place on the Episcopal Bench in the House of Lords, and, apart altogether from the merits of the measure, I commend your splendid pluck.

John Bull.

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Who was horribly bored by a bee;
When they said, "Does it buzz?"
He replied, "Yes, it does!
And it isn't a 'He'—it's a 'She'!"

THE QUESTION OF NOURISHMENT.

A SOCIAL CONTRAST.

By Richard Morton.

I.—In the Square.

There was straw laid down in front of the big mansion in Beaugrave Square. The delicate brass knocker on the front door was muffled, and the electric bell was disconnected.

Neighbours and tradespeople, seeing these symptoms, said, "Lady Flighty must be ill. Poor soul!" Then they looked up at the great blank windows and passed on, pitying.

Within the house, everybody moved as though walking on velvet in india-rubber shoes. Nobody spoke above a whisper, and never a strange sound disturbed the startled atmosphere, except, maybe, a low sob from Lady Flighty herself.

It was, perhaps, providential that the attack had come on in the morning, when the household was up and about, when all the inhabitants of the mansion could be pressed into service, and immediate aid could be summoned from without.

There was, first, an application of hot flannels, drenched in eau-de-Cologne. A teaspoonful of brandy and Benedictine was administered at intervals, a roaring fire was kept up, the bed re-arranged, and the curtains drawn so that the big, staring eyes of the invalid should not be affected. Somebody suggested a plate of turtle-soup, but the patient could not take it, and turned wearily away.

There was evidently nothing more to be done at the moment, save to impress on all the servants the need for absolute silence. There must be no noise, no banging of a door, throughout the house, on pain of instant dismissal.

And, as soon as his car could bring him, the surgeon came. A footman whisked the door open with the soundless mystery of magic. "What is it, James? Anything serious?" the footman was asked. "We hope not, sir," said James, "but her ladyship seems in a bad way." "Of course, of course," said the professional gentleman, adding confidently, "but we will soon put that right."

Ushered into the sick-chamber, it did not take him long to diagnose the case. He rose from the bedside of his patient with a quiet smile.

"Then," said Lady Flighty, noting his satisfied expression, "you do not think it is anything really dreadful?"

"Oh, no," said the surgeon (he was a veterinary surgeon, to tell the truth), "it is merely a touch of colic. I'll send him a draught, and that will put him right in a brace of shakes. But you must not give him so many chocolates and meringues. Plain food is best for dogs."

Lady Flighty's toy pom was ill because he had been pampered and over-fed with good things.

II.—In the Court.

Two or three women stood aside respectfully from the doorway of No. 6, Nightingale Court, as the doctor passed rapidly to the poverty-stricken room on the second-floor-back.

"Well, and how's Jack?" he asked. "Let me see. This won't do, you know; you'll be ill next."

He had gone to the ramshackle bed and turned a woman's wasted form away from the mite of humanity she had been holding so fast and so close, in the desperate endeavour to warm her baby boy.

"What have you had to eat?" he enquired next.

"One of the neighbours brought me a cup of tea. They are very kind—and they can't afford it."

"I know," he snapped. "But I see you've no fire. What did I tell you? You won't go to the parish for coal? Very well, I'll send you some, for a fire you must have."

"And Jacky, sir? Will he get well?"

It was hard for the doctor to look at that tiny, shrunken child. "I've told you before," he said, "that he'd do all right at the hospital. Shall he go?"

The woman clung convulsively to her child. "Oh, no, no," she moaned; "I'll nurse him myself, while God gives me strength!"

"I know!" snapped the doctor again; "but you both want more nourishment . . . and I'll have to see that you get it. You've neither been over-fed lately!"

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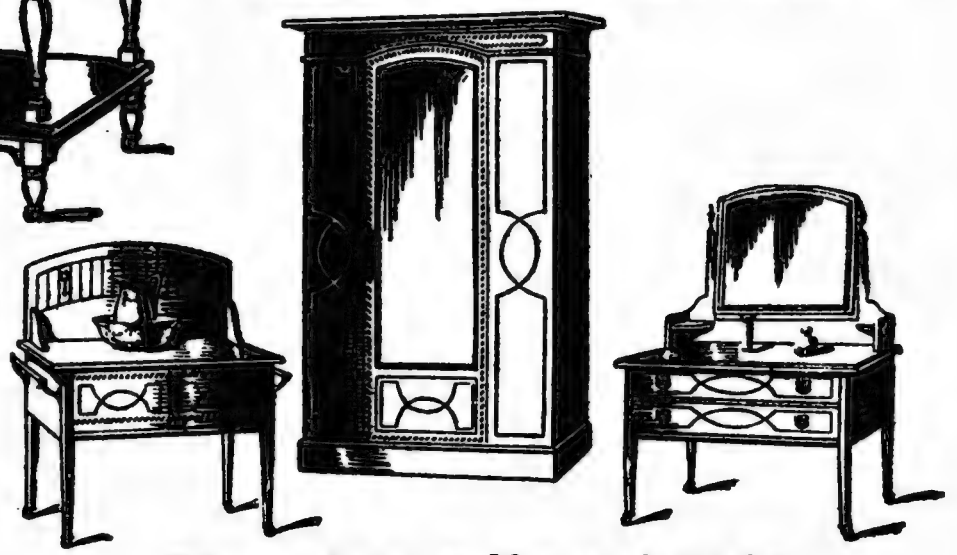

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THE SENTENCE.

By A Juryman.

The Judge lifted the Black Cap slowly to his head. "And May the Lord have Mercy on your Soul," he said.

The prisoner was led away, and the Judge went to play golf. He had had a Trying Morning.

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A week later, as the Judge crawled into his Bed, an Ugly Little Being came and Sat on his Chest, a Being with Red-hot Feet, a Hellish face, and a Head that was a Sin in Itself. "And May the Lord have Mercy on your Soul," said the Thing.

"Scat!" said the Judge; "I shouldn't have eaten that piece of mince pie."

"No," said the Thing. "I am not Indigestion. I am your Conscience."

"Good Lord," said the Judge. "I thought you were dead!"

"Oh, no!" said the Thing. "Very much alive. By the way, didn't you hang a man last week? I thought so. Well, as I remarked before, May the Lord have Mercy on your Soul. You know jolly well, my Lord, that it's You that ought to be Hanged. You cut down your Address to the Jury because the Morning turned out Fine. The prisoner's Counsel was a Political Opponent of yourself, and a better man on the links. You had too much Old and Crusted with your Dinner the night before, and Your Gout was giving you some Trouble. And your Liver was in a disgusting state.

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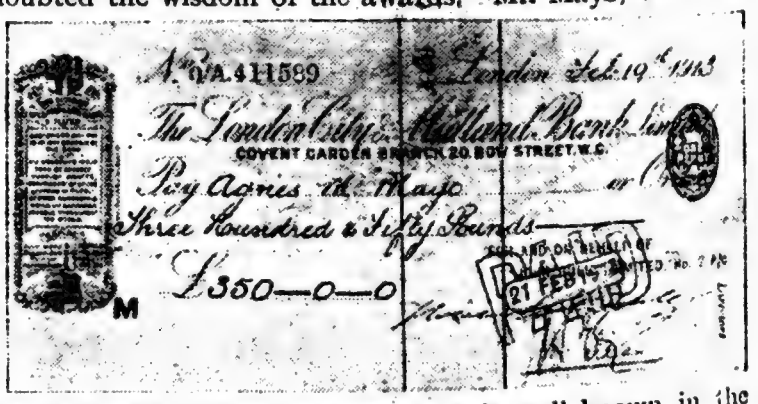
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the fish and poultry business and is well known in the Manchester Market, had what he graphically describes as "a rough day" upon the announcement of his wife's success. When he had satisfied the crowd of enquirers of the thorough genuineness of the matter, there was much cheering for the winner, for himself and for John Bull. The Market men now generally hold the opinion, he says, that making "Bullets" is better than selling fish! The original of the above cheque will be on view at the shop of Mr. O. Freedenson, The Exchange Newspaper, Tobacco and Cigar Kiosk, Exchange Stage, Victoria Street, Manchester, on Thursday, February 27th, Friday, February 28th, and Saturday, March 1st; and at the shop of Mr Joseph Mamelok, 33, Oxford Road, Manchester, on Monday, March 3rd, Tuesday, March 4th, and Wednesday, March 5th

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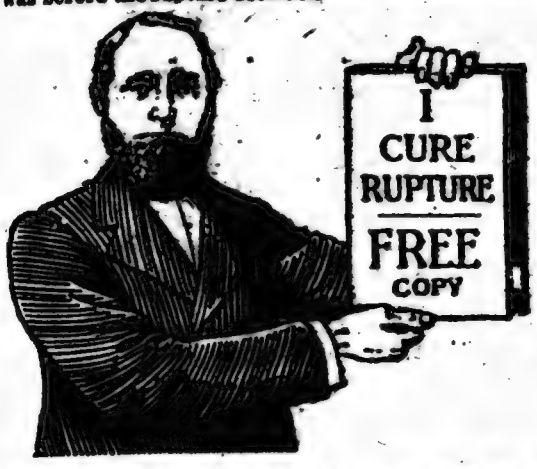

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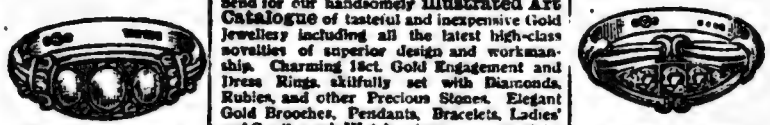

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Is France determined to be "even" with Germany?

Isn't it a poor "look-out" for the Admiralty Arch?

Do they call them "Dead-noughts" in Germany now?

Won't Lloyd George find "Land" a poor investment?

How long before Mexico becomes a "United State"?

Isn't "Keep off the grass" good advice for suffragettes?

Shouldn't "irate" railway companies be spelt "high rate"?

Hasn't a "Bullet" from you "struck" us yet? See page 326.

Won't the "wasp waist" make it all the easier to get round the girls?

Wasn't it the Chancellor himself the suffragettes wanted to "blow up"?

Shouldn't the daily newspaper proprietors contribute most to the Scott fund?

Isn't the "ideal" public-house likely to be the one you have just sold?

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Merely Rumours:—

That no umbrellas will be seen after Lent.

That the Turks in Gallipoli are going Galli-potti.

That the 'bus cow-catchers are really designed for dummies.

That the suffragettes will get the cat for burning those two kittens.

That the Lords kicked the Welsh Bill out with the words, "Not Dis Establishment."

That the Government are beginning to see through the foreigner's air craft.

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Examination Papers:—

Is it possible to pop a cork leg?

Can a back-answer prove an affront?

State the difference between a soft felt and a bee felt.

Is it possible for a flat to have the bump of caution?

If a man loses his screw, what is the best tack for his board?

When a man is run down, would a blow or a smack pick him up?

When a man hasn't a cent, what is the best way to make things hum?

When a haddock is high, state the amount of pepper needed to get it down.

If a dealer bought a gross of Manx cats, would he be able to re-tail them?

If a hen cackles when she lays an egg, should a man crow when he lays a foundation stone?

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Songs.	Sung by—
Father of a Family	Rev. Dr. Ingram
When Love Comes Knocking	Bombardier Wells
Don't Judge a Man by His Coat	Mr. Marshall Hall
Shall I Be an Angel, Daddy?	Jane Ann.
When the Pubs Begin to Close	Mr. Cadbury.
I'm Wait—Wait—Waiting	Lord Kitchener.
Oh! Dearly Beloved Breth-er-en	Rev. F. B. Meyer.
Can't You Take My Word?	Mr. Masterman.
Encore, a Bottle More	Sir T. P. Whittaker.
Yes! Let Me Like a Soldier Fall	Will Thorne.
What a Conjure, What a Cop	Ramsay Macdonald

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The jet which is to be so popular this season is not the suffragette.

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"The larger half of man is boy," says Mrs. Wemyss. "Kid" would be better.

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"A Gauntlet" is the name of a new play. How many people have had a hand in it?

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"Lady of the Night" is the name of a new book. An introduction is quite unnecessary.

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An evening paper is concerned about the future of Piccadilly. Its past is far more interesting.

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The maintenance of Big Ben amounts to less than two guineas per week. Cheap—threepence an hour.

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Alcohol, it has been found, can be extracted from sawdust. We have heard of wines from the wood.

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Parsons as a class, we are informed, are not more shy than anybody else. Except when the hat comes round.

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John Redmond says his northern countrymen will be the "salt of the Irish nation." But they are rather peppery just now.

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The ex-Mayor of Doncaster who found "Tom Jones" a "long, tiresome, weary book," will no doubt be astonished to learn that it is still being published.

"Fox in a Chimney," we read. Just the place for a brush.

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"Living with a skeleton," runs a headline. Everybody's doing it.

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We understand there were no escapes at the fire at Pentonville Prison.

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"Aim high," is poor advice to the man who possesses only a pop-gun.

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The Base at Rosyth should contribute to the success of the Concert of Europe.

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An offer of £24,000 has been refused for a carpet. Too much of a pile for our liking.

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"Official Promise of Spring," reads a heading. But we never believe official promises.

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Axle Pin, favourite for the Grand National, is said to be lame. Will it drop out?

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"Which is the finest day of the week?" asks a contemporary. Easy; pay-day, of course.

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In France, one person in thirteen has a bicycle. That's unlucky for the other twelve.

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That must have been a big marriage boom in Sydney; we heard the report of it in London.

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Eustace Miles says cooks are proverbially fat. Of course; they are always putting on flesh.

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The taxi-cab strikers are organising a nigger troupe. We had no idea that things were so black.

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Eggs marked "Votes for Women" are being sold. Thus would they thrust their yolk upon us.

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The alphabet has been engraved on the head of a pin. But we have read volumes on a single point.

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A sorter found £4,000 in some old rags. But counsel often find more amongst the dirty linen.

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"Can pretty girls play golf?" asks a contemporary. We have seen some passable ones near the tee.

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It is said that Mr. Lloyd George has a tenor voice. Many taxpayers wish that his notes were no higher.

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The New York dentist who states that champagne destroys the teeth must be suffering from overwork.

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A new cigar is to be called the "Salomé." The band round the middle, no doubt, suggested the name.

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The play, "Trust the People," includes a "whip-armed" suffragette. Why not a "club-footed" one?

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"The False Prophet," an article on Mr. Lloyd George's Land Taxes is headed. Shouldn't it be "profit"?

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There is a serious shortage of honey in Devonshire. Let us hope that the bees will live up to their reputation.

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Golf, says a feminine critic, is a germ of old age. We can hear the enthusiastic player murmuring "Don't bacilli."

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A critic describes a recent musical performance as "a din like feeding-time at the Zoo." Din-din at the bars, in fact.

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The Chinese Government, which has decided to order 270 military aeroplanes, evidently intends to rise to the occasion.

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To circumvent the suffragettes, Mr. Sydney Holland suggests that any hospital donations sent to him should be enclosed in double envelopes. Isn't the tin a sufficient protection?

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Owing to sciatica, Judge Bray recently heard a case whilst reclining on a couch. This enabled him to deal with the matter at full length.

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The suffragettes have been sending envelopes containing pepper to members of the Cabinet. Are they hoping to get the "Ayes" through the nose?

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John Bull's Letter Bag.

[The EDITOR replies to, and has a chat with, some of his numerous correspondents.]

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Will readers, when forwarding cuttings from newspapers, take care that in each case a sufficient portion is sent to identify the name of the paper and the date of issue?

CORRESPONDENTS, when writing regarding previous communications which they may have addressed to us, should always mention the nature of the matter therein referred to. Owing to the great increase in the number of ENQUIRIES *received consequent upon the abnormal growth in our circulation, it is no longer possible to answer them all in "Letter Bag,"* AND ONLY THOSE OF GENERAL INTEREST *will be noticed. The Editor will, of course, still be grateful for information, "biscuit" material, newspaper cuttings, etc.*

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For Financial and Insurance Replies, see page 324.
For Sporting Replies, see page 328.

"ONE WHO KNOWS."—Will the correspondent using this *nom de plume*, and whose letter is dated February 20th, please get in touch with us at once? Implicit confidence may be relied upon.

A. E. V. (Poplar).—It was foolish of your young lady, "who is a parlour maid in Kensington," to order a Bible, price 45s., from a door tout, who says he is collecting the money at 10s. a month for the love of God. Your beloved should return it to the National Bible Supply, 17-18, Railway Approach, London Bridge, and refuse any further payment. As we have already said, it is about time these sharks were rendered harmless.

F. G. G. (Croydon).—The payment for journalistic work offered you by the leading light of the Press department of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies was outrageous if your work was worth anything at all. Christabel would have scorned it with many scorns.

"AU REVOIR" (London).—You are not the only bullet-firer who resents other people offering to manufacture bullets for you at a price. Make and fire your own; you are just as likely to hit.

W. S. S. (Henley-on-Thames) and half-a-million others.—Once more, you are hereby informed that the enterprising Yankee gent. who is trying to foist his alleged lucky stones on the British public at 4s. 6d. per each is an audacious fool-catcher. Have nothing to do with him.

A. I. (Handsworth).—Your suggested menu for Turkey, "Bulgaria's sauce to Turkey, with Greece, Servia hot," etc., is too horrible to detail.

A. E. U. (Leicester).—The extract you send us from a letter from your sister, who is in Vancouver, B.C., is interesting. We note her statement that "unless a girl is smart, young and strong" there is no chance out here. . . . The Canadian would use you as a door-mat if you would let him." It is hoped that, like herself, other English girls out there will not let them.

F. W. P. (Dudley).—It is probable the police will not long expose themselves to the jury-snubbing they are getting over partner whist-drives. The main point is not the prizes. It is whether whist is a game in which skill predominates over chance

"FAIR ARGUMENT" (Bromley).—If you have watched the recent debates in the House of Commons on Disestablishment, you will have seen for yourself what is the exact legal meaning of the word "Established," as applied to a Church. Anyhow, *we* did not "establish" it, so you need not grouse at *us*.

A. W. (Liverpool).—The advertisement of the Waterman Speciality Co., of Great James Street, offering 30s. weekly to persons who will address circulars at home is a disreputable trick, by means of which the concern foists practically worthless stylo pens upon poor out-of-works. These rascals are, of course, in no way connected with the well-known Waterman Fountain Pen Company.

F. G. (Fenchurch Street).—It is your statement that the bullocks in the Jewish slaughter-houses in Aldgate, City, "are thrown down in a pool of blood, and the Rabbi then makes his appearance and gives the animals a cut across the throat with a long knife, and then leaves the animals to die, and I have seen them linger for 9-10 minutes in awful agony." Very horrible, if true.

D. McD. (Glasgow).—Many a time and oft have we warned those intending to emigrate to Canada not to accept situations through shipping agents without adequate inquiry and guarantees. But, as the author of Solomon saith, "Though one shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, yet will not his foolishness depart from him."

"BANSHEE" (Dublin).—You are right. The Pope and the Bishops and the Vigilance Society do not appreciate us, and that is why many of the Dublin newsagents have not the pluck to put JOHN BULL on sale. To prevent being boycotted themselves, they have to boycott us.

G. T. M. (Hither Green).—If you say you are a street-door traveller and not a "street-door pest," we will accept your statement without an affidavit. Consider this as an apologetic grovel.

A. E. P. (Leyton).—Your wife being "rather attractive looking and smart in her personal appearance . . . . a street-door canvasser on one occasion offered her a dress length for nothing, another a gold ring." You say you wish you had been about at the time. They are glad you weren't.

C. L. (London).—Professor Cairo, of 78-79, Pearl Buildings, Portsmouth, is an astrological humbug in association with that other audacious adventurer, Elmer Sidney Prather, who runs the "National Institute of Science" and the "Psycho Success Club" from his headquarters at 258, Westminster Bridge Road, London, S.W., frequently exposed.

"NOT LOOKING FOR TROUBLE" (Brighton).—You were right in declining to pay preliminary fees for the services of Mr. Tom King, of the *Matrimonial Gazette*.

R. H. B. (Perth, Western Australia).—Glad you are doing so well. The fact that you have succeeded is proof of our constant argument that the emigrant should be fit, not unfit Your good wishes to us are appreciated.

E. T. (Amble).—The circumstances in which your daughter was passed from one boat to another by the emigration agents of the Canadian Northern was a muddle, not the less annoying to you and disadvantageous to her as an emigrant to Alberta because it was apologised for. We do not see that you can do anything, however.

A. W. (Barry Dock).—"I should also like to point out," you say, and therefore you shall, "that there is also another branch of the Mercantile Marine which requires looking into, to wit, the engine-room department, as it is well known there are thousands of steamships of all sizes sailing under that department which is entirely unknown or totally ignored, fearfully undermanned," etc.

W. T. (Shipton, York).—We have a good opinion of Hugo's Language Institute, and you have our assurance that so far as any language can be learned by imitated English sounds, they can make good their claim to teach you that language for all ordinary reading and "understandable" purposes, in fifty weekly lessons. You will, however, have to do your part by study, which they make as pleasant as possible.

A. W. W. (New Barnet).—The circumstances of your having to pay 1s. 2d. in the £ income-tax instead of 9d. are regrettable, but it is clear you had ample time even before you were ill to send in your return. The Surveyor of Taxes is quite right in saying that the responsibility of obtaining a form for return of income rests with the individual if by any chance one does not otherwise reach him.

"GARDENER" (Ealing) wishes to know what we think of the People's Accident Legal Aid Society, of 190, Fleet Street, E.C., run by C. Potter Pooley. Not much.

B. C. (Kennington) says that at Brixton Remand Prison the barbers' shop is run by a German, who charges 3d. for shaving and 6d. for hair-cutting. Our correspondent thinks that a Briton should have the job. After this publicity we have no doubt that when next our friend visits Brixton a Scot will cut his hair.

MRS. B. (Clapham).—We have already exposed Winifred Grace Hartland's method of fat reduction. Turkish baths, outdoor exercise, and suitable "physical culture" make the best cure we know of.

E. D. (Putney, S.W.).—Sorry it is not always possible for us to return documents even when their return is requested. They are often necessary for our files. Copies should always be kept. If we require originals we will ask for them.

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"GAS" (Battersea) tells us that the Gas Light and Coke Company charge penny in the slot consumers for fittings, tenpence every thousand cubic feet burnt. He should burn candles.

AN EX-WARDER tells us that he is in "possession of a letter including about 23 verses which was composed and wrote by Jos. Wm. Noble, the Windyhook murderer.' He has been advised to write us to see if they will be of any interest. We have, however, declined the tempting offer. Our friend tells us that he spent only six years in the prison service, but he had a "wonderful experience,' having seen half-a-dozen men hanged at Durham. He is now a bricklayer by trade—which he prefers to the wardership.

W. S. (Lee, S.E.).—Speaking as landlubbers, we see no reason why two ships, one of 5,000 tons, and the other of 10,000 tons, the one 10 years old, and the other but a year or so, should not be called "sister ships," provided they are by the same builders. A difference in age and weight between two daughters of the same parents does not prevent their being sisters, does it?

"A JOHN BULL READER" (Droitwich) thinks the Bishop of Hereford would be better employed in trying to stop the tricks of touting moneylenders than in interfering with betting. In our opinion, it is not the legitimate business of the Bishop in question, or any other bishop for that matter, to meddle with either. Let the shoemaker stick to his last, and the Bishop adhere to his soul.

V. L. (Balham).—We are sorry that our recent reply to VINCENT L. (Balham) on the subject of public conveniences and the mistake of a foreign lady in entering the wrong section, has caused you annoyance through your friends erroneously identifying you with the correspondent. But we cannot agree that public conveniences are not a matter of general interest. Our observation leads us to think otherwise.

A. R. (Brighton).—We note that, when speaking at a journalists' banquet at Brighton a short time ago, the Mayor of Hove declared that "the public owe the Press a great gret of datitude." The journalists present were under a similar obligation to the Mayor for his spoonerism, which must have enlivened the proceedings.

W. H. (Loughton).—The tea merchants you name, Williams and Sons, of Preston, do not undertake to pay bonuses to *all* their customers in the order in which they appear in their ledger, but "to one or more" weekly in that order. We deprecate this miserable method of doing business amongst the poor—especially with tea at 7d. a packet and unknown weight.

C. T. L. (London, W.C.).—You are correct in your statement that the words "helping lame dogs over stiles" were written by Charles Kingsley. But, after all, it doesn't matter so much who wrote them, so long as we put the sentiment into practice.

"A MINER" (Dalmeny) informs us that the south end of the Forth Bridge is the less safe of the two on account of two shale mines running through beneath the embankment between Dalmeny Station and the south approach. *Verb. sap.*

C. S. (Liverpool) sends us an advertisement cut from *Men's Wear*, to wit: "HATS, HOSIERY, &c.—A Smart JUNIOR, with 6 or 7 years' experience, wanted at once. Must be an obliging Salesman and good window-dresser. Salary 5s. weekly (live out). Only those disengaged need apply to Box 741, *Men's Wear*"—Enough to make men swear.

SIR H. P. (London, S.W.) is kind enough to draw our attention to the fact that the telegraphic address of the London General Omnibus Company, Ltd., is "Underneath," and suggests that it is both suitable and frank. It also appears to us to convey an ominous threat to unwary pedestrians.

"SOUTHEND" (Westcliff).—If the man is willing to repair the damage done to your furniture whilst removing it, let him. Why so anxious to sue him? Steer clear of the law as much as possible. Remember—"Fools rush in where angels fear to tread."

J. M. M. (Finsbury Park, N.) is indignant because some of the Livery Companies, since the Old Age Pensions Act came into operation, have reduced the pensions formerly paid to their aged freemen with a view to forcing them to apply for the O.A.P. It has always struck us as unfair that the organisers of charities should reduce their gifts at the expense of the taxpayer—unless, of course, they have been hard hit by legislation.

H. L. (Johannesburg) refers us to "Dr. Jim" for an answer to our recent inquiry as to how it comes about that the Orange River Colony is once more called the Orange Free State. Judging from General Hertzog's speeches and the trend of events in South Africa, it looks to us very much as though an attempt will shortly be made to make Orangia a Free State not only in name but in fact. There will be a rare old Botha in South Africa shortly.

"PENSION" (Stratford).—The Deceased Wife's Sister Act is retrospective. Your marriage is, therefore, legal and you need not go through the ceremony again.

M. R. S. (Luton).—Mr. Winston Churchill was born on November 30th, 1874.

T. M. V. (Guiseley).—Apropos of the late Dr. Parker's "God Damn the Sultan," we, also, agree with the sentiment of the poet, "Oh, I don't think there's a worser person than a pulpit curser."

C. E. E. (Dublin).—Your query about Bismarck's alteration in the telegram which precipitated the Franco-Prussian war is not quite clear. You will find the whole story in Dr. Moritz Busch's "Bismarck: Some Secret Pages of His History" (Macmillan), probably to be seen at any public library.

L. B. B. (Salop).—Would you be willing to make an affidavit as to the truth of your statements, and guarantee to come into Court in support of them if we took up the matter?

J. R. (Smithfield).—We are too old to be caught with chaff, and you would be too young to catch us if we were not.

B. L. M'Q. (Leicester).—Can we give you "the name of the author of that classical quotation worded, 'There be two kinds of sharks. Land sharks and water sharks'?" Have a look at Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice."

F. W. J. (Denton).—Your lovely "Domestic Surgery and Farmers' Guide," price one penny, to hand. We now know how to cure a cow of pneumonia and a horse suffering from gripes.

G. H. T. (Bourn Estate).—As you and your bride were returning from church after your wedding, merry souls pelted rice at your carriage and broke the glass panel. The repairs bill was sent by the proprietor to merry souls aforesaid, but they have sent it on to you for payment Tell them to go hence.

"REX" (Buxton).—Can only say we should not like to give our money to a Correspondence College which offered to train us as a Health Insurance Officer.

"BEER" (Glasgow) charges certain Glasgow publicans with palming off "swipes" on unwary and unsuspecting customers. "This," he says, "is not only an abomination unto the Lord, but an abomination to all true lovers of beer." When we visited Glasgow on John Bull League business, we were careful to eschew beer.

A. E. (Studley) is a bit of a wag. He writes: "I had a letter from a gentleman in Canada and he says it is very cold out there, and it freezes the words as they speak to each other, and they have to put them in a frying pan to thaw them before they know what each word means." This accounts for the prevalence of bad language amongst Canadians, only swear words being warm enough to resist the frost.

J. B. S. (Darlington).—We would not advise you to have dealings with the Opportunities Co., of Bolton, Lancs. We all know opportunity is a good thing, but when it comes to a company of them, well—you know the old saying: You can have too much of a good thing.

"RUSTICUS" (Belper).—You may give people legal advice, and they may pay you for so doing, but if you hold yourself out as, or pretend to be, a qualified practitioner, you would be liable to heavy penalties. We advise you not to prefix the word "lawyer" to your name. You may describe yourself as an "accountant" but not as a chartered or incorporated accountant. By the number of subjects you propose to advise upon, you must be quite a clever fellow.

A. H. (Queen's Square Place) writes to say that he is afraid we are wrong about the son of the Czar of Russia. Why *afraid?*

E. E. W. (Leeds).—You are not liable for the value of the property that was stolen while in your charge, provided you took reasonable precautions for its safety—that is, the same care as a reasonable person would take of his own property. The firm is evidently trying to "bluff" you. Don't pay any more.

J. J. R. (Oldham) informs us he has now received the £3 due to him from the Marvel Film Co., and concludes by saying that "Writing to J.B. seemed to strike more terror to the parties concerned than even a lawyer's letter did." Naturally.

W. C. F. (Chatham) asks if we have heard the following "Soldiers Toast":—

When War and Trouble's drawing nigh
"God and the Soldier's" all the cry:
When War is o'er, and all things righted,
God's forgot, and the soldier slighted!

'Tis true 'tis pity; and pity 'tis 'tis true.

"WORRIED" (Harlesden).—Of course you cannot marry again if your wife is still alive, no matter how long ago it is since she deserted you; but if you have not seen or heard anything of her for seven years, you are entitled to presume she is dead, and re-marry. Should it subsequently transpire that your first wife was alive at the date of the second ceremony, it would be invalid, but you could not be punished for bigamy. Be careful—but as you are Scotch perhaps this warning is unnecessary!

(A large number of replies are held over.)

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John Bull League Notes.

(By the General Secretary.)

Glasgow.—The President's meeting at St. Andrew's Hall was a huge success, the great building being crowded by a large and representative audience. As at Birmingham and Manchester, Mr. Bottomley was in splendid form, and held the meeting throughout in rapt attention during his scathing exposure of the present Party System. A large accession to the funds of the local branch was secured by the sale of reserved seats, and at the close of the meeting many new members were enrolled.

Leeds.—The Branch held its Annual General Meeting on Thursday, February 13th. Mr. Reginald Knight was in the Chair, and a large number of members came along to discuss the business of the Branch. Messrs. Knight, Macdonald and Ellwood were elected Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer respectively, and a strong executive has also been got together. A resolution was passed to the effect that all annual subscriptions must be paid on or before March 31st. Mr. T. A. Ellwood, the Treasurer, of 165, Armley Road, Leeds, will be glad if all members will note this resolution and send their subscriptions and donations to him before the specified time. The business meeting over, the company held a smoking concert, and from reports that reach me it was a first-class affair.

Malmesbury.—At the invitation of the Earl of Suffolk, Mr. Bottomley last week addressed a meeting under the auspices of the Malmesbury Unionist Club—of which the Earl is President—on the principles of a Business Government. The local drill hall was packed with an attentive and enthusiastic audience, and as a result of the visit it is anticipated that a strong branch of the League will be formed.

Manchester.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Coal Exchange Market on March 6th; Councillor H. Ross Clyne will occupy the Chair. The business of the meeting will be the election of officers and committee, and every member in Manchester and district is asked to attend. On this evening Mr. F. Wardle will be at the hotel from 6 to 8 p.m. to meet any member upon League business. He is anxious to get together a strong working committee, and will be pleased to receive nominations of those willing to serve.

Plymouth.—The Annual General Meeting of the Branch will take place to-day (Thursday) at the Plymouth Chambers, Drake Circus, Old Town Street, at 7 p.m. Immediately following the business meeting a whist tournament and social and dance will be held, and I hope there will be a large gathering at both functions. I hope to be present at the business meeting and have a discussion with the members on the Constitution of the League and the proposed local and national campaign. The President will visit Plymouth very shortly, he having added the town to his tour by special request of a large and influential body of Plymouth citizens. The date will be announced next week.

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BRAIN-ENERGY.

W. LOTINGA (for many years "Larry Lynx" of the "People") writes: "I have gone in for all-round sport pretty strenuously for many a year, and used to disdain any stimulant, but 15 years of journalism with its long hours, incessant detail worries, and irregular (or no) meals, has made me realise the enormous value of a tonic. I am accustomed to giving "tips" in another groove, but one of the best I could ever utter is to urge the much-occupied man who has brain work and the inseparable annoyances of commerce to fortify himself with Phosferine. For many months now it has been a God-send to me."

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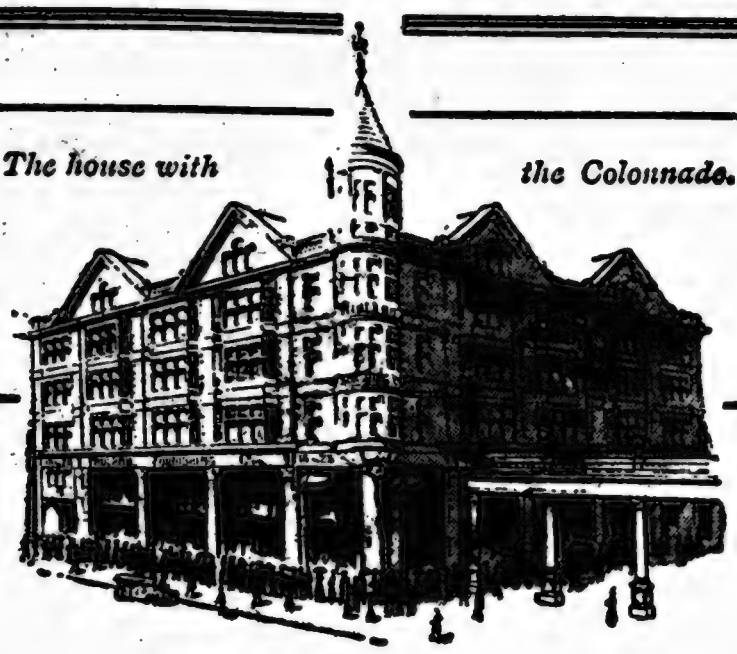

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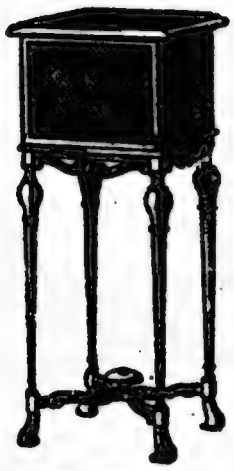

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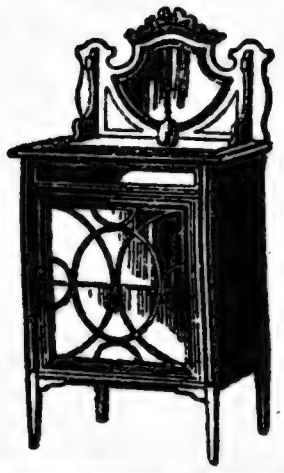

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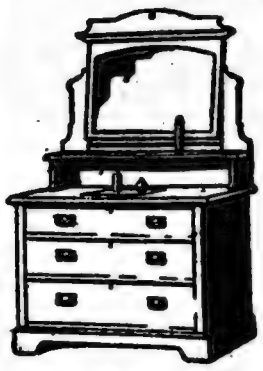

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CITY NOTES.

[*For Financial and Insurance Letter-Box, see page 324.*]

The Stock Markets.

Foreign politics continue the bugbear in the Stock Markets, and who can say what the upshot will be? I suppose that the Delcassé incident will be forgotten in a few days, but who knows what else may crop up. In the meantime, recent new issues which have not gone well, and the bulk of which are still in the underwriters' hands, are cheap, and can be picked up at considerable discounts. Even the New Zealand loan has had to be shouldered chiefly by the underwriters. Home Rails are dull on fears of further strikes. The Yankee market fluctuates, and in addition to the coming change of President next week, has the illness of Mr. Pierpont Morgan to contend with. The Mexican revolt has ceased temporarily, but the outlook is by no means rosy yet. Rubber also has its troubles, the fact that a large rubber house in Boston has gone into the Receiver's hands having knocked down the price of the commodity, and also the shares. The only Foreign Rails which really have been active are Argentines, in view of the excellent traffics and crops. In the Mining market the feature has been a sharp fall in Chartered, which was evidently aggravated by Bear sales. We, however, did not anticipate a better directors' report, but Thursday's meeting may throw more light on the position. Kaffirs are dull on a few Paris sales, and even the gamble in Ropps is not proceeding very briskly, as whenever the price rises above 8½ a sharp relapse follows. Anglo-Continentals are quite neglected, as they deserve to be.

More Prospectus Promises and Performances.

We showed last week how lamentably the performances of three rubber companies hatched in the offices of Messrs. Goodlet, Fairbairn, and Berry, at 6, Broad Street Place, E.C., had falsified their prospectus promises. According to the names of companies adorning the exterior of their premises, we might extend our enquiries into some fifteen other directions for comparison purposes; but it will suffice for the present if we select at haphazard a company formed by this "House" under the title of the Ivory Coast Corporation Ltd. The prospectus was advertised in August, 1910. The company was to acquire a concession of about 1,042 square miles on the Coast from the French Ivory Coast Syndicate Ltd., of the same address, for £124,000 (£54,000 in cash and the balance in shares) which the syndicate had acquired six months previously for £80,000 (half in cash and half in shares). According to the prospectus, the profits "from the principal products, after providing for all costs but those of home administration," were to be £35,000 for 1910-11, £90,000 for 1911-12, £130,000 for 1912-13, £175,000 for 1913-14 and £220,000 for 1914-15. The capital of the company was fixed at £330,000 in £1 shares of which 194,000 were offered for public subscription. The latest information about the concern tells us that the accounts to December 31st, 1911, showed a debit to general expenditure of £19,515 exclusive of preliminary expenses of £21,542. At the adjourned first annual meeting of the company, the chairman admitted that the prospectus estimates had not been justified and stated that the vendors had made unconditional restitution to the company of one-half of the shares allotted to them, and that the previous owners had offered to surrender one-half of the shares they had received on certain conditions which are not material to our story. We cannot say what has happened since, but the shares of this sorry concern are not quoted now and apparently are not even "made-up." When responding to the suggestion we made last week that Mr. Fairbairn might be able to enlighten us on some of the points then put forward, he may think it advisable to shed some light on this flotation also.

The Chillagoe Reconstruction.

Considerable opposition is being offered to the proposed reconstruction of this twice-reconstructed company, which has its head offices in Melbourne, where the directors held a shareholders' meeting on Thursday last, and at which, everything being cut and dried, the scheme was duly put through. The circular and notice of the meeting sent out by the board of the company and dated, "Melbourne, February 6th, 1913," was the first intimation shareholders received that a third reconstruction (no particulars of which are given in the circular) was proposed. Accompanying the circular were two proxy forms—one for the meeting on Thursday last and one for the confirmatory meeting to be held in Melbourne on March 7th, each in favour of the chairman of the meeting, and empowering him to vote and act for the proxy-giver "in any business that may be lawfully brought forward" at those meetings. Thus English shareholders were compelled either to appoint the chairman as their proxy, or to be unrepresented at the meetings. This method of muzzling any effective opposition to the board's proposals is scandalously unjust to the large body of shareholders in this country, and we are not surprised to learn that active steps are being taken to protect their interests. Indeed, Mr. S. S. Kennedy, of 28, Old Jewry, E.C., who is responsible for the movement, is receiving very considerable support, and is urging the shareholders to dissent from the scheme. Considering the valuable nature of the assets of the company, estimated by the directors themselves to show a surplus of nearly a million pounds after providing for all liabilities, any effective combination of shareholders should succeed in rescuing something substantial.

Houlder Bros. and Co.

From the annual report and balance sheet of 1912, which has just been issued, we gather that the profits of this firm continue to increase, the gross amount being no less than £101,357. We recently dealt with the accounts of the Houlder Line, which our readers will remember is managed by Messrs. Houlder Brothers and Co., and we asked whether the reason for the promptness of the meeting of the Line shareholders was that the issue of the accounts of Houlder Brothers would disclose such large profits that unpleasant criticism might have been made by the Line shareholders had they been previously aware of the figures. As we have from time to time suggested, we have reason to believe that the bulk of the profit earned by Houlder Brothers is derived from the management of the Line, and, satisfactory as the result of the Houlder Brothers' trading undoubtedly is, we are sure that the Line shareholders cannot but be unpleasantly reminded of the fact that for many years past they have been paid no dividend, whilst the fortunate members of Houlder Brothers and Co. have received regular distributions. When we remember also that the shares of Houlder Brothers and Co. are principally held by the directors and their friends, it is not difficult to appreciate the profitable and satisfactory (to them) arrangement under which the Line is managed. Referring to the balance sheet of Houlder Brothers, we should like to know something about the item of "Bills receivable *re* sale of Australian steamers—£250,000." Inasmuch as these vessels belong to the Houlder Line, why has no credit been given for their realisation in that company's accounts?

Prosperous St. Cecile Plage.

The report and accounts to December 31st, 1912, of the Channel Coast and Mediterranean Freehold Resorts, Ltd.—the company which runs that improving Continental watering place known as St. Cecile Plage, near Boulogne—shows that, despite the unfavourable weather last season, which naturally affected the profits of the hotel owned by the company, the directors have been able to effect the realisation of a considerable portion of land, resulting in a profit of nearly £4,000. After paying a dividend of 7½ per cent. on the preference shares, the balance carried forward amounts to upwards of £3,000. With anything like a summer during 1913, the company should do well, and next year's accounts show even better results. The St. Cecile Casino Company, too, has, pending the opening of the Casino as an entertainment resort, been able to earn sufficient to pay a 5 per cent. dividend on its ordinary shares by the sale of land, rents, etc., and it is proposed to make a further issue of shares for the purpose of completing and extending the Casino, which it is hoped will be opened during the coming summer.

The Gamble in Ropps.

It is one of the phenomena of the markets hitherto unexplained, that whenever a rig in some shares is being manipulated a cable should be received from the company's property containing news likely to help the rig along; and alternatively that when the insiders have sold out, a cable should come to hand contradicting the previous report. The first half of the phenomenon has just taken place in the matter of Ropps, which are being rigged by the Anglo-Continental group. We cast no reflection upon the integrity of Mr. Balfour, the company's expert on the spot, whose cable has been decoded in the office here and has been explained to the noodles who follow Mr. Edmund Davis' lead; but we should like to see the reports he has sent by mail lately, and those which are on the water now, before touching Ropps at the present or at any price.

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The Company has provided for a working capital of £50,000, and has acquired exclusive rights for working Oil and all other Minerals, for a period of ten years, over 150 square miles in the Ceres district, Cape Province—together with the option of acquiring the freehold of the properties at any time during that period.

Eminent Oil experts have certified to the petroliferous character of the ground.

Mr. Wm. W. Van Ness, for instance, says: "All these farms showed marked indications of the existence of Petroleum. On none did I find any indication of the strata being disturbed by the intrusive action of any igneous rock. Contraction has caused a folding of the strata from West to East, forming a series of synclines and anticlines, the troughs and ridges of which trend North and South. On farm Wagonsboom River, the lay of the strata is favourable to the accumulation of Oil in large quantities. The formation is almost identical with the great Oil-producing fields of Alleghany, McKean, Warren and Venango Counties, Pennsylvania. I have no hesitation in recommending you to sink a well on farm Wagonsboom River. A pipe line could be constructed, over a natural gradient, to reach Cape Town from this farm within 100 miles."

Mr. Frank L. Chapman says: "The synclinal and anticlinal formation is very marked and regular, and nowhere did I find the slightest sign of any intrusive basaltic dykes or sheets, or the evidence of any igneous or eruptive action having taken place. The presence of the 'Rainbow Flake' so persistently and over such a large area, is an all-sufficient reason for putting down a well in this locality. I consider the natural gas proof positive of the existence of Petroleum below, this being undoubtedly Petroleum gas, and not mere marsh gas. The formation of the country corresponds to that of the Oil regions of Pennsylvania and Ohio. Were this ground, as it now is, with merely the indications to go upon, in the States, it would be split up into hundreds of lots, and would realise from £80 to £100 per acre, going to £500 per acre as soon as the first barrel of Oil had been produced."

THIS WOULD MAKE EACH £1 SHARE IN THE COMPANY WORTH £200.

Mr. Moris Mencher states: "I am convinced, after my examination of the country, that Oil exists in large quantities in the district of Ceres."

Mr. J. E. Mills Davies, referring to the iridescent films seen in the district, states that he investigated the question fully, with the result that he was satisfied that "their origin from hydrocarbon gaseous or oily compounds derived from Petroleum is a matter that cannot be doubted."

Mr. H. G. Hubbard states: "I collected some of the iridescent film and tested it. From the results given I unhesitatingly pronounce this film to be the result of condensation of the lighter bodies contained in the Petroleum, which escape in the form of gas. I am perfectly certain that these rainbow-coloured films are produced by Petroleum and nothing else."

Mr. W. Gasson, in concluding a "Report on Samples of Water and Deposit from Ceres District with regard to their bearing Petroleum or indications," says:—"The results of this examination clearly indicate that these samples are from Petroleum springs."

It will be seen that the Consolidated Oil Fields of South Africa, Limited, is embarking upon an enterprise of an altogether exceptional character, and that it may easily become one of the richest corporations in the world.

Full particulars of the Company may be obtained from the South African Petroleum Exploration Syndicate, Limited, 80, Coleman Street, London, E.C.

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Letters containing enquiries must be addressed to the City Editor, John Bull, *52, New Broad Street, E.C. The names and addresses of correspondents must be enclosed, not, of course, for publication, but in token of good faith. Anonymous communications will be disregarded.*

A Postal Order for 1s. must accompany each Financial or Insurance Enquiry.

Consolidated Oil Fields of South Africa.—Mac (Grimsby).—We understand that Mr. J. E. Mills Davies, one of the most esteemed authorities in South Africa, is proceeding to the Ceres district for the purpose of selecting boring sites, and that immediately his report is received the Company will commence active boring operations. The shares can be obtained through the South African Petroleum Exploration Syndicate, of 80, Coleman Street, E.C., and they are of the nominal value of £1 each and delivered as fully paid. We understand that after the present month no further shares will be available, except at a substantial premium.

Bank Charges.—R. C. G. B. (Worcester).—Unless a substantial balance is kept at bank, it is customary to make a nominal charge each quarter. We do not consider you have any ground for complaint.

Outside Broker's Contract.—H. W. (Birmingham).—Contract is binding. Insist on fulfilment and payment of proceeds of sale. Unless you receive satisfaction by return, sue for the amount.

Geo. Beverley.—E. H. H. (Westminster).—The Beverley you refer to is the man we exposed. Shall be glad to hear from you again.

Two Provincial Cos.—Worried and Anxious.—No information is to be gleaned here regarding either concern, and your only course is to make another application to the Receivers. You can leave your certificates with your solicitor or some other responsible person.

Russian Ventures.—V. F. C. (Birkenhead).—No recent information is available. The secretary is Mr. Charles Merrick, and the last known address is Salisbury House, London, E.C.

Copper Co.—Mary D.—The matter looks very doubtful, and we are afraid you will not get your money back. Nothing is known here of the concern. Another time, before making this kind of investment, obtain reliable information. Better still, put your money into the P.O. Savings Bank, where, at any rate, it is safe.

Whiteley's.—John Willie.—A fair speculative Industrial investment, but without much margin for improvement in capital value.

Four Investments.—W. H. T. (Sleaford).—All four stocks are good investments of their class, but it would not be advisable to realise in the present depressed condition of markets. Wait awhile, and you should be able to sell to distinctly better advantage.

£200 for Investment.—Edgar.—Put the money into a Colonial Government security, such as the new New Zealand 4 per cent. Loan, issued at 98, but at present obtainable at about 1 discount, making a net price of 97.

Chathams; Keffi.—Linden.—(1) There is a powerful market group who think highly of Chathams, in view of Kent Coal, and the stock is a promising spec. (2) Good results have lately been received from this Tin property, whose shares are also worth attention, especially on a reaction.

Deposit Account.—J. T. (Birmingham).—The bank you mention is perfectly safe, but we would prefer the London City and Midland.

Systematic Investment Co.—W. P. B. (Loughborough).—We have repeatedly warned our readers against having anything to do with this concern, which is a "bucket shop."

Liverpool Victoria Legal Friendly Society.—T. W. (Preston).—You inform us that during the last eleven years you have contributed £41 to this Society under various policies, which to a person of your comparatively moderate means represents a considerable sum. Owing to circumstances over which you had no control you have got into arrears to the extent of £4, and the collector has refused to accept any further premiums until the arrears are paid off. You ask whether you can recover any of this money, or is it all thrown away? We fear you cannot recover, but we should hope that your hard-earned savings will not be confiscated. We cannot imagine the Society being a party to such a heartless proceeding. If you cannot afford to continue the payment of premiums, write to the Head Office and ask them if they would be willing to pay you a cash Surrender Value, or, if not, issue to you a Free policy for some portion, at any rate, of the moneys you have paid.

British Equitable Assurance Co.—A Reader.—The Company should certainly inform you the precise date when the policy matures. Write them again. Your father could by will secure the benefits of the policy for your mother, or it could be assigned to her, notice of which must be given to the Company. For a small charge a solicitor would attend to this matter for you.

Compensation Accident.—E. S. (Congleton).—You are entitled to claim under the Workmen's Compensation Act. As regards the legality of your removal from the house, the information is not given in sufficient detail to enable us to advise. It may be to your advantage to consult a local solicitor.

House Purchase Company.—In Doubt (Stockport).—It is difficult to advise on the information given in your letter. Many of the Bond Certificate concerns are in an unsatisfactory condition, and before proceeding further with the negotiations we advise you to consult a local solicitor.

Terminable Mortgage.—R. A. H. (Dublin).—If there is a reliable Income Tax Recovery Agency in your city, consult them. They would instruct you how to proceed, and, as a general rule, a commission is only charged on the amount recovered.

First Dutch Insurance Co.—H. G. C. (Leigh-on-Sea).—The policy you hold states that you are insured against continuous risks in the event of prizes in the Netherland State Lottery falling on the number corresponding with the number of the policy, up to, and not exceeding, a sum of £1,000, after deducting the original cost price of a fully paid-up ticket. The policy conditions, numbering fifty-one articles, are somewhat involved. You cannot demand the return of any of the instalments contributed, notice to end the insurance being the exclusive right of the Company. This Company is not a Life office, and does not come within the provisions of the Act of 1909. All that is promised in the event of death is the right to transfer the policy to your heir or legal successors. We see no advantage in this form of Lottery Insurance, and should be inclined to drop the policy and put up with the loss of the instalments already paid.

House Purchase with Life Assurance.—Cashier.—Obtain prospectuses from the following:—City Life Assurance Co., 42, Frederick Street, Edinburgh; Scottish Temperance Life, 109, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow; British Life Office, 154, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow; National Benefit Life and Property Assurance Co., 10, Finsbury Square, London, E.C.; Provident Association of London, Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

Royal London Mutual Insurance Society.—W. O. G. (South Norwood).—The two policies are "on the life of another," and thereby identify you as the legal holder. As a general rule it is difficult to secure the setting aside of a policy unless "fraudulent misrepresentation" can be proved. There is no evidence of this in the case you have submitted. Although the assured, as you say, has no knowledge of the existence of these policies, we fear you would not succeed on this point alone, whilst as regards insurable interest, the Act of 1909 condones this. Whether you could establish a claim on the specific count that you had not at the time a bonâ-fide expectation that you would incur expenses in connection with the death of funeral of the asured is difficult to say. We do not find in any of the cases that an action has been tried on this definite issue. Our opinion is that any policy issued *ultra vires* is voidable, quite apart from the usual plea of fraudulent misrepresentation. The policies are open to the objection we have so frequently reiterated—viz., that no provision is made for the issue of a Free policy or a cash Surrender Value, should the premium payments for any reason be discontinued. The extent of the forfeiture of moneys under these one-sided and inequitable policies is appalling.

British Re-insurance Co.—Old Reader.—We are not, as a rule, favourable to appointments which are conditional upon the applicant investing in shares. There is undoubtedly plenty of room for the successful development of a purely Re-insurance Company, but in the absence of knowledge respecting this new concern, we are not prepared to recommend it. As the Company assert they have ample funds for their business purposes, we suggest that you give the position a trial for, say, three months, subject to the directors allowing you the right to apply for shares if, after experience, you feel satisfied with the Company and its associations, and also find that its position and prospects are reasonably assured.

Britannic Assurance Co.—J. H. (Leeds).—We presume the policy was assigned to you by the son, and that the Company recognise you as the legal claimant. Was it made clear to you that there was a loan of £8, and in respect to which you say that interest at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum is charged? Unless you continue the premium payments you will lose all. You cannot claim a Free policy or a cash Surrender Value. Write direct to the Head Office and ask in what way they are prepared to meet your case?

National Benefit Life and Property Assurance Co.—R. F. (Costorphine.—(1) The company is sound and well managed. (2) The fully-paid Bond becomes payable, together with accrued interest, at the maturity date of the original certificate. It cannot be surrendered, except in the event of a claim arising though death. Why not take up a short Endowment Life Assurance policy, and ask the Company to add the value of the paid-up certificate to the sum assured? We believe the Company would comply with such a request, and, arranged in this form, the investment should prove advantageous to you.

Survivor's Bonus Policy.—Issurance (Cheltenham).—The policy having been effected upon the life of your wife for her separate use, under the provisions of the Married Woman's Property Act, you cannot claim a return of the premiums paid. You may appoint a trustee or trustees for the investment of the moneys now payable. Unless the policy is expressed on the face of it to be for the benefit of your wife and children or any of them, you cannot divert the benefits to the children. The judge of the County Court of the district may appoint a trustee, and we should recommend you to see a solicitor and have the matter dealt with in the way we have suggested, unless your legal adviser can propose a better method.

Prudential Assurance Co.—Welshman.—You could not claim the return of the premiums paid. Your best course would be to get your mother to make a will in your favour, or to have the policy assigned to yourself. Unless this is done, the policy belongs to your mother and forms part of her estate.——E. W. (Todmorden).—The policy you have forwarded is quite in order, and you will be able to draw the money at the expiration of twenty years, or the amount would be paid in the event of death. The amount depends on the rate of bonus the Company declare. At the present rate you would draw £66—not £70, as stated. If, however, you have paid twenty years' premiums on a previous policy, some return should have been made to you in regard to this. The policy you now hold has no connection with a previous one, and when you commenced the payments on this policy all the money previously paid was forfeited If you have received nothing in respect of what you have paid, write to the Head Office asking what has been done, and let us know the result. You can claim no surrender value until after three years, and then only about one-third of what has been paid.—Ardent.—Unless you can prove misrepresentation you can do nothing in the matter, and must accept the Company's offer of Free policies.

(A number of replies are held over).

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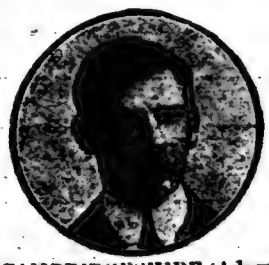

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Competitors who have already won any prizes, large or small, in this competition are in no way debarred from winning again.

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The ink will not run if the coupon is slightly warmed before being used.

Closing date, Wednesday, March 5th.

Example _____
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Bullet _____

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1 The First Prize will be awarded for what, in the opinion of the editor, assisted by a competent staff of adjudicators, is the best Bullet received, and the other prizes in order of merit. The right to divide a prize or prizes among two or more competitors is reserved

2. Bullets must be plainly written on one of the coupons on this page, and only two attempts may be written on each coupon

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4. Coupons must not be cut or defaced in any manner, or have portions of another coupon pasted upon them.

5. Entries must reach us not later than the first post on the morning of Wednesday, March 5th, 1913.

6. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet reaching him shall receive careful consideration by a competent staff; but the Editor will not hold himself esponsible for coupons lost or mislaid.

7. No correspondence can be entered into concerning this competition.

8. The Editor's decision on all matters concerning this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

RESULT OF NINETEENTH BULLETS COMPETITION.

FIRST PRIZE OF £350:—

MR. H. ELDERFIELD,
9, Wesley Terrace, Annfield Plain, County Durham.
Example:—HARDY ANNUAL.
Bullet:—ROYAL COMMISSION APPOINTED.

SECOND PRIZE OF £50:—

MR. T. W. HALL,
21, Glen Eldon Road, St. Annes-on-Sea.
Example:—TUG OF WAR.
Bullet:—TIME VERSUS WOMAN.

THIRD PRIZE OF £10:—

MR. W. LAIDLAW,
43, Fusehill Street, Carlisle.
Example:—ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.
Bullet:—AFTER FUNERAL DISCUSSED.

TEN Prizes of £2 10s. are awarded as follows:

MR. A. J. QUINLAN, 402, Euston Road, N.W. (ARM IN ARM—ULLA AND MELODY); MR. C. W. H. LUSTY, Oxford County Asylum, Littlemore, Oxford (SLEEPING DRAUGHT—UNCLE'S FUNNY STORY); MR. N. DONALD, 4, Cverdale Road, S. Ealing, W. (LOST IRREDEEMABLE—MEXICAN PRESIDENT OCTOGENARIAN); MR. C. L. TRITTLETON, 35, Kounchay Avenue, Leeds (LOING WELL—DISCERNED GUV'NOR'S WITTICISMS); MR. J. G. WILSON, 77, Huntly Street, Aberdeen, N.B. (BAD CHEK—BRIGHT STUDYING ADVERTISIMENTS); MRS. G. TEARDALE, 42, Athol Road, Whalley Range, Manchester (MOST RETROGRADE—ARGUMENT CONVINCED RIESLS); MR. W. E. FISHER, 1, St. John's Street, Scarborough, Yorks. (SECOND READING—NO TRACT CLUB); MR. G. D. PETTY, The Cot, Gordon Road, Carshalton, Surrey (DEBATE—HOUSE AS ADVERTISED); MR. J. DEEP, 77, Clonmore Street, Southfields, S.W. (UNDER HER THUMB—NOVELETTE PAGES USUALLY); MR. S. T. BAKER, 47, Eastbourne Street, Walsall (TUG OF WAR—TAXPAYER FORMS ROPE).

10 PRIZE WINNERS of £1 EACH.

BINNS, A. R., 9, Gordon Terrace, Southwick, Sunderland.
BREWER, E., MRS., 6, Viewfield Place, Stirling, N.B.
LITHGOW, LAURA, MRS., 54, Warten Terrace, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
REDON, BESSIE E., MRS., 185, Queen's Road, Peckham, S.E.
SCARF, R., 46, High Street, Bedford.
SIMS, A. C., The Turning, Garway, near Hereford.
STEVENSON, WM., 3 Chalmer's Road, W. Ayr.
TROUNSON E., 87, Beaumont Road, Plymouth.
WAKBURTON, J. S., 48, Homecliffe Road, Bispham, near Blackpool.
WRIGHT, W., 54, Carsic Lane, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.

20 PRIZE WINNERS of 10s. EACH.

BRAMBY, W., JUNR., 1, Canterbury Rd., Seacombe, Cheshire.
BUCKLEY, T. W., Rossall College, Fleetwood.
BULL, G. H., Hildern, Shrewsbury Road, Shifnal, Salop.
CHEIWYN, M., 25, Williams Road, Bosham, Chichester.
CROSTON, H., 2A, Cawdor Street, Patricroft, Lancs.
FISHER, G. M., Southfield, Hessle, E. Yorks.
HARDING, J., MRS., The Bungalow, Neyland, Pem., S. Wales.
HAYMAN, G., 20, Iron Street, Adamsdown, Cardiff.
HOARE, H. A., 64, Cavendish Drive, Leytonstone, N.E.
HOLLAND, W., 68, Godwin Road, Forest Gate, E.
JONES, F., 186, Severn Road, Cardiff.
MCCOMBE, C. M. L., MRS., 23 or 28, Westbourne Avenue, Hull.
OLDFIELD, O., 375, Great Cheetham Street East, Higher Broughton, Manchester.
PENFOLD, A. E., 5, Marlow Road, E. Ham, E.
PRATT, HUNTER J., Highfield Villa, Gateshead.
RAWLINS, C. H., 33, Grey's Road, Henley-on-Thames.
RICE, A. M., MISS, 12, Dunstall Road, Wolverhampton.
ROCH, ERNEST, 44, North Street, Fritticwell, Southend-on-Sea.
SHEPHERD, W., 52-54, Gilmore Road, Lewisham, S.E.
TYRWHITT, L., MRS., Ifield, Crawley, Sussex.

LIST OF 200 PRIZE WINNERS OF 7s. 6d. EACH. "BULLETS" COMPETITION NO. 19.

A Selection from the List of 5,000 winners of valuable Prizes can be seen in "Mrs. Bull," dated March 8th.

Andrews, H. W., 6, Lime-gr., Old Trafford, Manchester.
Baker, Mrs. E., Sir John Barley Corn, Bittern, Hants.
Baker, R. W., Barleythorpe, Oakham, Rutland.
Baldwin, C., c.o. Shelvey and Co., Ltd., Station-rd., Worthing.
Barnard, J., 8, Suffolk-rd., Lowestoft, Suffolk.
Barter, F., 33, Kempshead-rd., Camberwell, S.E.
Bauer, A. J., 10, Westbrook-rd., Margate.
Bayne, H. P., 8, Brisbane-st., Langside, Glasgow.
Beckett, G., 66, Station-rd., Willesden Junction, N.W.
Bennett, Miss, Torbay Villa, Oakdale-rd., Weybridge.
Bennett, Alice, 50, Stone Hill-rd., Derby.
Bere, A. W., 17, Silver-st., Taunton, Somerset.
B[illegible], 23, Marquis-rd., Stroud Green, London, N.
Birkwood, A., 97, Cooper-rd., Grimsby.
Bond, S., 63, Alloa-rd., Deptford, London.
Bonnell, W. T., 1, Glen View, Forest Row, Sussex.
Borcham, G., 150, Belvoir-st., Hull.
Borrett, H. S., 1, Leopold-ter., Felixstowe, Suffolk.
Brooks, J. C., 37, Clonmel-rd., Fulham.
Brown, H. C., 158, Montgomery-st., Edinburgh.
Butterfield, F. H., 28, Dixon-st., Rotherham, Yorks.
Buxton, B. G., 95, Sheen-rd., Richmond.
Calvert, C. E. H., 87, Market-st., Chorley, Lancs.
Chalcroft, G., 16, Summers Town, Lower Tooting, S.W.
Chant, A., Evelyn House, 101, Finsbury Pavement, E.C.
Chaundy, W. H., Craigend, Cardross, Dumbartonshire.
Church, Mrs. K. C., 17, Goldsmith-rd., Leyton, Essex.
Clancy, L., 33, Park-rd., Battersea, S.W.
Clarton, Mabel, 154, King's-rd., Harrogate, Yorks.
Coates, P. E. M., Shortwood, Mount Parade, Harrogate.
Collins, C. J., Post Office, Copythorne, Cadnam, Southampton.
Coulter, T., 19, Leinster-st., Phibsborough, Dublin.
Crabtree, C. R., 248, Western-rd., Crookes, Sheffield.
Davey, J., 7, College-chambers, Wigan.
Dow, A., 4, Pool-st., Crossens, nr. Southport.
Dresser, C., Bonwycks-pl., Ifield, Sussex.
Dudley, L. W., Studio, 18, Union-st., Torquay
Earles, S., 1, Albert-rd., Victoria-ave., Blackley, Manchester.
Ellis, C., 19, Meadow-st., Avonmouth, Bristol.
Elmwood, W., 5, Paxton-ter., Barrow-in-Furness.
Doran, W. R., 8, Kingston-ter., Kingston-by-Sea, Sussex.
Dixon, E. H., 1, Venue-st., Bromley, E.
Drew, H. S., Sidcup.
Duncan, E., 1, Londesboro'-ter., George-st., Summertown, Oxford.
Dutton, C. J., Victoria Brewery, St. Paul's, Cheltenham.
Dyball, N. R., 15, Neckinger-st., Bermondsey, S.E.
Darow, G., 191, Kennington-rd., S.E.
Eden, G. J., 15, Avenue-rd., Itchen, Southampton.
Ellis, D. G., 120, Highcross-st., Leicester.
Ensor, Irene M., Tisbury, Wilts.
Everard, D., The Rowans, Amersham, Bucks.
Evans, D. O., White Rock, Bridgend, South Wales.
Fillmore, M. M., Claremont, Malvern, Link.
Finch, Mrs. R., 99, Westwood-st., Accrington, Lancs.
Fox, G. J., 11, Eastfield-st., Sunderland.
Frankling, S. E., 6, Green-st., Bath.
Franklin, C. D. G., Thaxted, Essex.
Gatenby, Kit, 24, Lorne-ter., Stockton-on-Tees.
Gauntlett, C. F., 28, Clarendon-gdns, Maida Vale, W.
Geddes, G. B., 34, Clark-st., Edinburgh.
Gibson, Violet, 21, West Mall, Clifton.
Gore, E., 13, Stafford-rd., Hoe-st., Walthamstow.
Gough, W. A., 36, Larch-st., Southport.
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Racing Notes.

"There was no betting in London to-day upon future events" has been the tape announcement each day now for over a fortnight. This must be by way of a record, for in the dullest season hitherto known, we have had some market movements on the important Spring Handicaps; but this year "nobody seems to know nothing." The withdrawal of Jerry M. has closed up the National market, and the continuous wet weather has so hampered training operations that Lincolnshire horses have been unable to do the requisite gallops.

The sensation of the week has been the "warning off" of Mr. "Tom" Coulthwaite and the jockey, R. Chadwick. Most people will look upon these sentences with mixed feelings of joy and sorrow. Joy, that the Stewards of the National Hunt are waking up to their duties, and sorrow that Coulthwaite and Chadwick should be made the scapegoats for the swindling that has for years been going on all round. Still, it is time that some move was made, and things will be a little better for a time. The swindlers, however, have very short memories, and unless the Stewards show further firmness, we may expect matters to revert to their old state in a very few weeks' time. It is impossible to believe that Coulthwaite had the least idea that Bloodstone could win at Hurst Park last Saturday, and the month's interval since the same horse was well beaten by Dysart on the same course may easily have accounted for the change of form. The Jacobus case, however, seems vastly different. Undoubtedly, Coulthwaite was one of the cleverest men ever associated with National Hunt sport, and when he put his money down he seldom failed to pick it up with interest. It was only occasionally he made mistakes. One such was the failure of Rathnally in last year's National, and another the enthusiastic backing of Comic Bey at Newbury last December, when an absolutely unknown horse was heavily backed to beat Thaddeus, Braxted, Himan, Brandimintine, and other fine hurdlers, and only finished third.

Prophetic.

Exigencies of publication make it necessary to go to press with these notes some three days earlier than usual, and in these circumstances tipping is very difficult. Windsor on Wednesday, followed by Sandown with one ordinary day, and two days devoted to the Grand Military are the meetings down for discussion. At Windsor, on the second day, Clondalkin, in the Royal Steeplechase, should be worth support. At Sandown, on Thursday,

Black Plum

for the Liverpool Trial Steeplechase looks rather a good thing on his favourite course. On the same day B.M. should secure the Ember Steeplechase.

At the Grand Military Meeting,

Another Delight

looks like winning the Gold Cup. Carrigrue ought to take the Past and Present Steeplechase, and Piper the Coombe Spring Hurdle. On the Saturday, Razorbill for the Grand Military Steeplechase, Chapelizod for the Tally-ho Steeplechase, and Super Tax for the United Service Steeplechase are the best things.

SPORTING REPLIES.

Macdonald and Barnes (Langnau).—J. J. B. (Bollington).—We have frequently warned our readers against these people, who are "wrong 'uns."

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Football Selections from the Principal Papers.

Matches to be played Saturday, March 1st, 1913.

In view of the enormous interest now taken in the competitions conducted by numerous papers, the following table of selections compiled from the principal football authorities will be found to be an extremely useful guide—

	Matches played on ground of first-named team.	Last Year's Result.	JOHN BULL	Lolinga's Weekly.	London Mail.	News of the World.	Irish Sporting Illus.	Competitors
1st League	Aston Villa v. Tottenham H.	Aston V. won.	Home	—	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Bolton Wanderers v. Blackburn Rovers	Bolton won	Draw	—	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Chelsea v. Manchester City	No match.	Home		Away	Home	Home	Draw
	Liverpool v. Derby County	Derby C. won	Home	—	Draw	Home	Home	Draw
	Manchester Un. v. Middlesboro'	M'dlesbro' won	Home	—	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Newcastle Un. v. Everton	Newcastle won	Home	—	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Notts County v. Sunderland	Notts C. won	Away	—	Home	Away	Draw	Away
	Oldham A. v. West Bromwich Albion	Oldham A. won	Home	—	Draw	Home	Home	Home
	Sheffield Un. v. Sheffield Wednesday	Draw	Draw	—	Draw	Draw	Home	Away
	Woolwich A. v. Bradford City	Woolwich A.won	Draw	—	Home	Away	Draw	Away
2nd League	Bradford v. Blackpool	Draw	Home	—	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Burnley v. Leeds City	Burnley won	Home	—	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Clapton O. v. Bristol City	Clapton won	Home	—	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Glossop v. Birmingham	Glossop won	Draw	—	Away	Draw	Draw	Draw
	Hull C. v. Huddersfield Town	Hudders'ld won	Home	—	Home	Home	Home	Draw
	Preston N. E. v. Grimsby Town	No match	Home	—	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Stockport C. v. Bury	No match	Home	—	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Wolverhampton W. v. Barnsley	W'hampton won	Draw	—	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Lincoln City v. Notts Forest	No match	Draw	—	Home	Away	Draw	Home
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Southern League	Swindon v. Queen's Park Rangers	Draw	Draw	—	Draw	Home	Home	Home
	Bristol Rovers v. Brentford	Brentford won	Home	—	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Exeter City v. Gillingham	No match	Home	—	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Portsmouth v. Northampton	No match	Home	—	Home	Away	Home	Home
	Watford v. Plymouth A.	Plymouth won	Home	—	Home	Home	Away	Home
	Coventry City v. Southampton	Coventry won	Home	—	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Millwall v. Stoke	Millwall won	Home	—	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Brighton and Hove v. Reading	Draw	Home		Home	Home	Draw	Home
	Merthyr Town v. Crystal Palace	No match	Home	—	Home	Draw	Home	Draw
	West Ham Un. v. Norwich City	West H. won	Home	—	Home	Home	Home	Home

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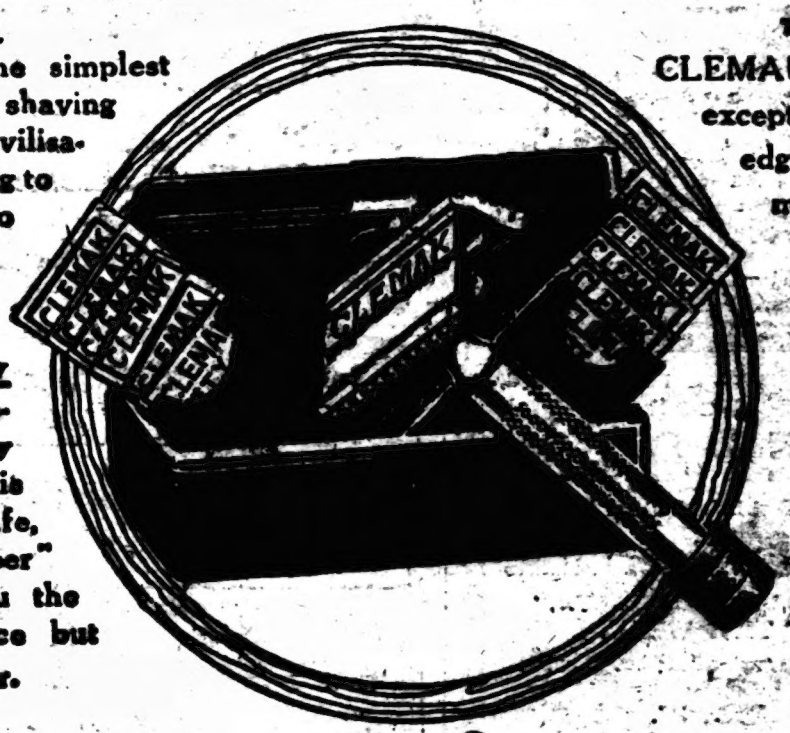

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